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Fillip for Hart

Easy wins in the Oregon and Nebraska primaries have added fresh momentum to Senator Gary Hart's campaign for the Democratic nomination after last week's victories in Ohio and Indiana.

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Denning claim

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£28m art sale

A sale of Impressionist and modern art at Sotheby's New York made £28m in less than two hours.

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Robbins dies

Lord Robbins, the educationist who had a stroke 11 days ago, has died in London, aged 85.

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Houses blasted

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Gulf tension rises sharply after Saudi tanker attack

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Tension over the Gulf rose sharply yesterday after a Saudi Arabian supertanker was strafed and set ablaze by an unidentified aircraft in Saudi waters. It was the fifth attack this week on neutral shipping.

The aircraft was officially unidentified, but it is thought almost certainly to have been Iranian, as Saudi Arabia has been the main contributor to Iraq of funds without which President Saddam Hussein would have long been in financial difficulties over containing the four-year war.

News of the raid came shortly after Kuwait accused Iran of attacking two of its tankers in the Gulf earlier in the week, the first clear indication that both Gulf War protagonists have been bouting other merchantmen.

Britain and the United States reacted swiftly to the latest developments by expressing concern and repeating calls for an end to the fighting.

The 212,000-tonne Saudi tanker Yanbu Pride was hit by rockets or cannon fire five miles north of the busy industrial port of Jubail and close to the crucial Saudi oil terminal at Ras Tanura.

A fire which started in the starboard hold was quickly extinguished and no casualties were reported, but Lloyd's said last night that two unexploded missiles were discovered on the tanker after the raid.

Iran issued a warning yesterday that it would close the Gulf

to all shipping unless Iraq stopped attacking tankers sailing to and from Iran's oil terminal at Kharg Island.

The Iranian warning came from Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of Parliament, who was quoted as saying: "If the Kharg route is not safeguarded then no other routes in the Persian Gulf will be secure." The Gulf would be safe for all or for none, he added.

The growing tension brought forward the prospect of intervention in the Gulf by the West in general and the United States in particular. About a fifth of Western oil supplies pass through the Strait of Hormuz.

In Washington, Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said the United States was "determined to keep the Strait of Hormuz open. The US will do what is necessary".

The United States, Britain and France all have warships near at hand. A Foreign Office source last night confirmed that the Government was keeping

the incidence of attacks farther south in the Gulf is bound to have an effect on insurance rates in the Gulf as a whole, underwriters said yesterday. One said the whole Gulf region could be put on a war-risk footing.

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Lloyd's is expected to increase further the cost of insuring tankers in the Gulf after the latest attacks (Our Business Staff writes). On Monday it put up the cost of insuring a ship in the Kharg Island region to 3 per cent of the sum insured, with cover extended to a maximum of seven days in the area. Hull insurance normally costs as little as 0.0375 per cent where there is little danger of hostilities.

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Skeleton may be Nairac's

From Richard Ford,
Belfast

Police in the Irish Republic believe that a skeleton discovered in a bog a few miles from the border may be that of Captain Robert Nairac, the SAS officer murdered by the Provisional IRA while on undercover duty.

The skeleton, with what is believed to be a bullet hole through the skull, was discovered by a man walking his dog across a field on the outskirts of Knockbridge village near Dundalk, co Louth. A skull was protruding above the bog and the rest of the body had been covered with stones.

The skeleton will remain under police guard until later today when Dr John Harbinson, the state pathologist in the Republic, is expected to begin a detailed examination. Positive identification of the skeleton found close to the border where Captain Nairac is believed to have been killed, may have to rely on dental records.

Captain Nairac, aged 29, a Grenadier Guardsman, was posthumously awarded the George Cross in 1979, two years after he was abducted from the Three Steps Inn at Forkhill, co Armagh by at least seven men. He was interrogated about his secret operations in South Armagh before being tortured and murdered by the Provisional IRA.

Six men are serving jail sentences in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic in connexion with the kidnapping and murder.

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Jenkins calls for union 'co-op' to handle pay claims by staff

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Mr Clive Jenkins, whose own union's employees are taking industrial action over a pay claim has raised the prospect of unions forming an employer's style of federation to handle wage negotiations in the future.

Mr Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs has written to the general secretaries of more than 60 unions calling for cooperation among union leaderships over staff relations.

ASTMS Staff who are members of the Association of Professional Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex) have been taking industrial action over a 3.8 per cent pay offer which has been rejected by the 220 office workers. They are taking part in stoppages one day each week and banning overtime.

Mr Jenkins's letter said: "A number of unions have expressed interest in the possibility of a collective response and indeed one idea being canvassed is that we should have a common collective bargaining forum. At the very least we ought to have an exchange of information on the salaries and conditions."

"It may well be that this should be a matter for a meeting. We are not at this point suggesting a common employers' federation approach but a liaison on data seems sensible," the letter says.

The ASTMS dispute is the second extensive programme of official disruption organized by Apex in union offices in the past six weeks. Staff at the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union

Civil Service rift

A left-wing move to press for the resignation of Mr Alistair Graham as leader of the largest Civil Service union ended in disarray yesterday after a split between the Militant Tendency and other left groups in the union.

Mr Graham, general secretary of the politically volatile Civil and Public Services Association, had given a warning beforehand that he would resign and seek reelection if the resignation call had been backed by the union conference.

An alliance of right-wingers and a loose grouping of Communists, Labour Party left supporters and the Socialist Workers Party prevented the resignation motion being discussed.

The split in the left arose through fears that in a subsequent election Mr Graham would win a crushing victory over Militant's choice, Mr John MacCreadie.

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Car discount 'madness' attacked

By Clifford Webb, Motor Correspondent

Mr Alan Dix, director general of the Motor Agents Association, yesterday attacked the discount war being waged by the big car manufacturers as "a collective madness". Three out of every four dealers were selling new cars at "suicidally" unprofitable prices.

He said that anonymous showroom visits by the association, which represents most of Britain's 8,000 franchised car dealers, revealed that 75 per cent offered unsolicited discounts of up to 15 per cent, £1,000 on the average family car.

He told a Heathrow conference of nearly 400 of the country's biggest car dealers that last year 2,401 motor traders went out of business because of the discount war.

"Regrettably there are as many as 40 per cent of franchised dealers who are about as professional as someone exploring the Amazon basin in a bathtub, armed with a golf umbrella for protection and a pocketful of Glacier Mints for sustenance," he said.

The salesman who gave discounted prices over the telephone was "foolish", because he played into the hands of the motorist who rang around until he found someone daft enough to give away all his profit.

Sale room

London dealers in record bid for Dutch silver

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

An auction price record for Dutch silver was set by two London dealers, Koopman and Armitage, when they paid \$80,000 Swiss francs (estimate £30,000 to £40,000 frs) or £275,000 at Sotheby's Geneva sale on Tuesday for two silver-gilt tazzas, richly embossed with landscapes and allegorical nymphs, dating from around 1600.

The two dealers often bid in partnership. Ten days ago they set an auction price record for any silver object of £484,000 at Sotheby's in London. Both have rich clients, among them Mr Al Tahir, the United Arab Emirates ambassador in London, but they refuse to act as agents at auction, buying on their own account for resale.

City tower block 'will sweep away disorder'

By Robin Young

The Mies van der Rohe tower block which Mr Peter Palumbo proposes to build adjacent to the Mansion House in the City of London would reveal and complement the architectural masterpieces in the area which sweeping away "a random disorder of dilapidated Victorian kitsch which could be only defended on grounds of nostalgia", a public inquiry at Guildhall was told yesterday.

Professor Colin Wilson, head of the department of architecture at Cambridge University



Faces of grief: Relatives of Marie Payne, aged four, who was found dead in Epping Forest, watching near Barking Magistrates' Court in Essex, yesterday when Colin James Evans, a lorry driver, was further remanded in custody for three days charged with murdering the girl. Mr Evans, aged 44, of Russell Street, Reading, Berkshire, made no application for bail. Police put up barricades outside the court to hold back a crowd of about 200 people who gathered an hour before Mr Evans arrived. There were jeers and boos when he left, his head covered by a blanket. As the police van was driven slowly past the barricades to the police station near by two men thumped its roof, denting it. An amount of Marie Payne, collapsed on the pavement

Labour in disarray over dispute

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Labour disarray over the miners' strike was yesterday exposed by strong criticism of Mr Neil Kinnock's leadership and a clear left-right rift over party support for industrial action which had not been endorsed by a national ballot.

Mr Dennis Skinner, the outspoken MP for Bolsover, told a meeting of the parliamentary Labour Party in the Commons that Mr Kinnock should force a censure debate on the 10-week strike.

He said afterwards: "I told them to get off the fence, stop shadow boxing, stop fudging and mudging: show some real leadership."

Mr Bill Keys, the general secretary of Sogat '82, the print union, said yesterday that he would call all members out if the Government failed to meet the miners' pay demands. He was addressing the union's conference in Bournemouth, where delegates voted unanimously to answer a strike call.

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Pit strike legality to be tested in court

By Paul Ruttledge, Labour Editor

The legality of the miners' strike is to be tested in the High Court by moderate pitmen from Nottinghamshire who want to carry on working.

Preliminary moves for an injunction against area and national leaders off the National Union of Mineworkers are expected to begin tomorrow, and the court case could have a critical bearing on the course of the ten-week old stoppage.

The legal action has been started by three miners, Mr Colin Clarke and Mr Howard Shooter, both of Pye Hill colliery, and Mr John Liproot, of Sherwood pit, who are suing on behalf of themselves and other union members at their plants.

The application for an injunction against the strike comes as the National Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, insists that the gulf between the two sides may not be as wide as hitherto thought.

"I do not think we are very far apart - a great deal of rhetoric has been spoken that is not related to the situation.

Walker plea to miners

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for energy, yesterday appealed directly to striking miners who had been "duped into a pointless and futile strike by propaganda with a political motive."

In a London speech to the Coal Merchants' Federation he said: "If I could have one wish when people get down to realizing what the future is. There are no winners and losers in this situation - everybody loses."

The discreet moves by pit managers' and deputies' unions to get the NUM and the board to hold informal peace talks could be affected by the High Court case, which follows a writ issued against miners' leaders seeking an injunction against the union, pending hearing of the main complaint that the men are entitled to work unless the strike is made official, locally or nationally.

An all-out strike threatened by dockers in Scotland was averted yesterday after steel and transport union officials reached an undisclosed peace formula for the handling of coal supplies at Hunterston.

In making their choice, miners should weigh up five facts: none who wanted to continue working as a miner would be prevented from doing so; the pay offer was greater than the power workers' and gas workers' settlement; no one was out to hurt the industry; even a partial strike would threaten conversions to coal; Britain could become a great coal exporting nation.

Police raid a second gay club in Soho

By Rupert Morris

Another Soho gay club was raided by the police on Tuesday night in what club managers were claiming yesterday was an intensified campaign in the aftermath of the Hampson affair.

Witnesses said they saw between 10 and 15 uniformed police entering the Colt Club in Berwick Street, apparently after being summoned by plain-clothes police inside. They said the manager was arrested.

A spokesman who gave discounted prices over the telephone was "foolish", because he played into the hands of the motorist who rang around until he found someone daft enough to give away all his profit.

Staff in gay clubs near by said yesterday that the police had been making daily raids. But Mr Russell McLeod, manager of the Gay Theatre, also in Berwick Street, where Dr Hampson The Conservative

Thatcher is accused of encouraging conflict

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister was accused yesterday by Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, of encouraging industrial conflict because she finds it politically convenient.

In a fierce attack on the Government's attitude to unions he said that it had chosen to portray them as the enemies of society and was making a biased attempt to emasculate them because they represented an obstacle to the creation of the society Mrs Thatcher wanted to build.

The Government's approach, he told the Inland Revenue Staff Federation conference in Blackpool, was characterized not by a desire for industrial peace but by a desire for industrial conflict.

Within three hours Mr Skinner was dead. His broken, barefoot body lay hundreds of feet beneath the open windows of his apartment, a trunk top over his head. Neighbours heard a sound like a distant gunshot.

The Russian police carried out a post-mortem examination and said that his apartment had

been locked from inside. They said it was a clear case of suicide.

But no one who knew Mr Skinner well believed he was the sort to kill himself. He had also given every indication that he would be returning to England on June 20.

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The version most widely accepted in Moscow is that Mr Skinner was being threatened to persuade his family to return.

The widow: Lyudmilla Skinner, aged 39, Russian-born but now a British citizen. Apprised by the KGB in 1976 and told that Skinner was making their rounds to try to contact the Soviet secret police. She tried to warn him but he started raising with two KGB controllers. Returned to London with Russian wife and trained as banker. Reintroduced to Moscow 1976 to represent Midland Bank

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BR attacked by watchdog for rude staff and late, overcrowded trains

By Michael Sally, Transport Editor

Increased passenger dissatisfaction with British Rail is chronicled in the annual report of the Central Transport Consumers' Committee published yesterday.

The consumer watchdog said that complaints rose by 13 per cent. to more than 62,000 last year. They created an image of "overcrowded trains, running late, dirty stations, and unhelpful staff".

But British Rail said that the increase was partly accounted for by administrative change. It now counted complaints rather than compliants.

However, the report said that

more passengers are having to stand; more trains are being cancelled or running late and too many staff, particularly at London terminals, are rude. Staff failed to communicate information about delays - and often did not know the position themselves. It is not.

"Like any other business, BR has no obligation to deliver its advertised service on time trains, catering, parking. It does not."

But Mrs Munro, chairman of the committee said that this week's "total breakdown" of the new timetable was typical. No timetables were available, telephone inquiry bureaux were jammed and there were long queues at travel centres.

Punctuality was appalling,

with a quarter of trains arriving

How BR is falling behind the times

	% of late trains in sample four weeks
On time 1-5 mins	25
6-10 mins	10
11-15 mins	23
Over 30 mins	38
Euston - Glasgow	49 (late)
	83 (on time)
	27 (6-10 mins)
	18 (11-15 mins)
King's Cross - Edinburgh/Aberdeen	63 (late)
	14 (on time)
	20 (6-10 mins)
	5 (11-15 mins)
Euston - Liverpool/Manchester	58 (late)
	11 (on time)
	28 (6-10 mins)
	5 (11-15 mins)
Euston - Preston/Blackpool/Carlisle	46 (late)
	26 (on time)
	14 (6-10 mins)
	14 (11-15 mins)
St Pancras - Nottingham/Derby/Sheffield	47 (late)
	21 (on time)
	28 (6-10 mins)
	4 (11-15 mins)
King's Cross - Middlesbrough/Newcastle	42 (late)
	34 (on time)
	6 (6-10 mins)
South Wales - North East	46 (late)
	25 (on time)
	24 (6-10 mins)
	5 (11-15 mins)
Trans-Pennine (via Leeds and Manchester)	48 (late)
	25 (on time)
	24 (6-10 mins)
	5 (11-15 mins)
All routes	42.5 (late)
	25.5 (on time)
	18.5 (6-10 mins)
	4.5 (11-15 mins)

Test-tube ethics under scrutiny

From Thomson Prentice, Helsinki

The world's top test-tube baby scientists will debate today the moral and ethical issues of their work, knowing that some of their research is pushing already against boundaries acceptable to society.

About 15 per cent of women succeed in having babies after *in vitro* fertilization (IVF), and the figure will remain low until techniques improve and scientists learn which embryos are healthiest and have the best chance of surviving pregnancy.

Guidelines offered by the medical profession in Britain

allow embryo growing for up to 18 days. Yesterday, the Bourn Hall team at Cambridge, headed by the IVF pioneers, Mr Patrick Steptoe and Dr Robert Edwards, said it had grown 192 embryos, some for 12 days, to observe their health and growth rates.

Predicting which embryos will survive after reimplantation in the womb is "practically impossible", according to scientists at the Royal Women's Hospital in Victoria, Australia.

As more Saver routes were introduced, passengers faced increasing complex restrictions which, coupled with the variety of price structures, caused much confusion.

The rate of reported injury to children under the age of 15 in areas covered by the society had increased over the past five years from 43 per hundred thousand to 63 per hundred thousand.

To mark the centenary, Mrs Thatcher said, Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, has decided to make available over the next three years a total of £200,000 towards headquarters costs.

An NSPCC appeal for £1.2m launched in January, has attracted £3m already. The target is in addition to the £8m the Society tries to raise each year for running costs.

The survey indicates that 39 per cent of all head teachers support the abolition of the examinations, if they were to be retained. At present they are taken in the fourth or seventh term of the sixth form. A total of 51 per cent voted for a sixth term examination, with 38 per cent against, and 11 per cent neutral.

Tutors from the 26 main undergraduate colleges will meet next week to discuss the survey, and to study a second report advocating a new examination modelled on the S-level to be taken by all applicants with A levels after two years in the sixth form.

Girls 'do better in single-sex schools'

By Nick Wood of the Times Educational Supplement

Girls attending single sex schools are more likely to achieve success in science, mathematics, computing and technology than their counterparts at mixed schools, the headmistress of a leading girls' independent school said yesterday.

"No fear of competition from boys, no feeling that the subject is unfeminine deters her - and she will probably have some women teachers as living proof that girls can succeed in the discipline", Mrs Mathias told a conference in London organized by the Council for Independent Education.

It was vital that girls gain qualifications and equip themselves for a career, Mrs Mathias added. Nearly one in two in the workforce is a woman, one in four married and in divorce and one in five families have a woman as the sole breadwinner. Since many of their senior staff are women, unlike coeducational schools, they also give

Machete man wanted revenge on Libyans

A man arrested carrying a machete near the Libyan Embassy during the siege last month wanted to avenge the death of WPC Yvonne Fletcher, Bow Street Magistrates' Court was told yesterday.

Anthony Kessler, a gardener, aged 43, dressed in Arab clothes and tried to go into the embassy to talk to the people there "to sort out their problems."

Kessler, of Primrose Hill Road, Belsize Park, north-west London, admitted to having an offensive weapon and was given a two-year conditional discharge.

The magistrate, Mr Clifford Chatterton, told him: "What you did was very serious."

Former diplomat fined for gross indecency

The former British High Commissioner in Canada, Sir Peter Hayman, was fined £100 and ordered to pay £45 costs yesterday after being found guilty of committing an act of gross indecency.

Sir Peter, aged 69, of Checkendon, Oxfordshire, pleaded not guilty to the charge at Reading Magistrates' Court.

He denied a second charge of attempting to commit the act but that was not proceeded with.

Leonard Beach, aged 35, a lorry driver, of Doverton Way, Newbury, Berkshire, was also fined £100 with £45 costs after being found guilty of committing an act of gross indecency.

Bailiffs act over unpaid music licence

From Our Correspondent Wolverhampton

Bailiffs have cleared out the one-man hairdressing salon of Mr Leslie Farrar, leaving him with just "three pairs of scissors and a couple of combs" after a dispute with the Performing Rights Society.

Mr Farrar, aged 38, a married man with two children, has worked in his salon in Anchor Road, Aldridge, near Walsall, West Midlands, for the past eight years. He has declined to take out one of the society's £25 licences for relaying broadcast copyright music to his customers. The society maintains that with court costs his debt to them is now £240.

Yesterday, 24 hours after the bailiffs had removed his hairdresser's chair, mirrors, clippers and "anything they could lay their hands on", including his electric kettle, Mr Farrar explained that during the Falklands conflict his customers were anxious to hear the news bulletins "so I switched on the radio in my office at the back of the shop".

"One day a man in the shop said he represented the society and I would have to pay £25 for a licence to broadcast the music. I had never even heard of the society so I declined," Mr Farrar said.

"The society then sent me

warning letters which I ignored and eventually they informed me that with costs I owed them £240. I couldn't believe it because at no time was I ever told of any court hearing. I would have welcomed any chance to defend myself."

"What disturbs me is that I can be treated like this without being able to say a word in my own defence. Fortunately I have made arrangements to continue in business."

Mr Alan Morris, an inspector for the society in the area, said: "We would do almost anything rather than go to these lengths. He just wouldn't take advice."

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The Queen and Prince Edward in Cambridge yesterday where she visited him in his rooms at Jesus College. Prince Edward takes his first-year examinations this month.

Centenary £1/2m grant to NSPCC

By Richard Dowden

With a grant of half a million pounds and praise for its "selfless" work, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, NSPCC, has made a significant breakthrough in its fight to help asbestos workers who contract stomach cancer, and their dependants.

A verdict recorded by the Kirklees, West Yorkshire, coroner, Mr James Turnbull, will give hope to relatives of workers who have died from stomach cancer after being exposed to heavy concentrations of asbestos dust over a 20-year period.

Mr Turnbull recorded an open verdict on Mr Dennis Kellert, aged 55, who worked for 32 years at the Miners asbestos brake lining factory at Cleckheaton, although he said

that it was not possible to say that the stomach cancer which killed Mr Kellert had resulted from asbestos or from being exposed to asbestos dust.

Up to now, medical panels investigating disability claims by workers in the asbestos industry have only accepted asbestos and lung cancer as being inter-related to the cause of illness.

Asbestos workers with stomach cancer are now being paid compensation by the industry.

Mr Turnbull's verdict is a major breakthrough because it now leaves the way open for asbestos workers with stomach cancer to have a reasonable chance of getting disability payments from medical panels.

Open verdict on asbestos worker

The society carried out investigations.

Mr Turnbull said yesterday: "The overwhelming weight of medical opinion was that he died from cancer of the stomach, which as far as those medical experts could tell was not related at all to the industrial work he did. They would say he died from natural causes."

"However, the work being carried out in an attempt to establish what might or might not cause death from industrial diseases is continuing all the time. It is being intensively pursued and I don't think it would be right for me to record that Mr Kellert died from natural causes."

After the hearing the secretary of the society, Mrs Nancy Tait, said: "Because of our involvement an electron microscope investigation was done on tissue taken from Mr Kellert's body and this revealed a massive concentration of asbestos fibres - 97 million fibres in a cubic centimetre of tissue."

Since Mr Kellert's death at his home in Drub Lane, Gomersal, near Leeds, in August, 1982, the inquest on him had been adjourned three times as medical experts

Quiet tours plan to beat pop protests

Mr Jack Blackburn, aged 69, and his wife, Jessie, stood up as shareholders at the annual meeting of Horizon Holidays in Birmingham yesterday to complain that holidays in Europe had been ruined for them by too much pop music.

The couple of Portland Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, said that many people especially older people, did not want continual music. Mr Blackburn asked for quiet areas in hotels where it was possible to get away from this infernal stuff."

He added: "Tell the coach drivers to ask the passengers before they switch on the music."

Mr Bruce Tanner, chairman and chief executive of Horizon, said that the group would consider quiet areas. He added that the company was introducing quiet holidays for older people next winter.

German food boom

Sales of West German food and drink, which a generation ago was little known or appreciated in Britain, are now worth about £1,000m a year.

According to CMA, the marketing organization for the West German food industry,

the most popular products include cheese, cooked sausages, biscuits and cakes, chocolates and yogurts.

The British drank more than 83 million litres of German beer last year and more than 96 million litres of wine.

Commercial Union 3 MONTHS REVIEW to 31 March 1984

An unaudited operating loss before taxation of £8.4m was incurred for the 3 months ended 31 March 1984, reflecting a substantial deterioration in claims experience in the United Kingdom.

Premium income was at a similar level to 1983, reflecting the cancellation of unprofitable business in the United States and intense competition in all major insurance markets.

Investment income net of loan interest showed a small decrease due to adverse trading and cash flow.

Life profits showed a satisfactory increase.

In the United States premium income reduced by 5%, and there was a fall in the operating loss. Personal lines claims experience improved, but commercial lines continued to deteriorate. The statutory operating ratio was 114.8% (1983 114.3%), which included an expense ratio of 31.0% (1983 31.7%).

In the United Kingdom the underwriting result reflected the cost of weather-related claims, amounting to £1.2m, and particularly severe commercial fire claims.

In the Netherlands the overall result showed an improvement.

In Canada severe competition reduced non-life premium income by 6% and caused a deterioration in motor underwriting experience.

In Rest of the World the result was affected by reduced investment income, following the transfer of London-held funds to support our United States operations.

	3 months 1984	3 months 1983	Year 1983
Premium Income			
Life	£146.3	£149.1	£400.8
Non-life	£544.2	£551.8	£1,884.2
Total	£690.7	£700.9	£2,285.0
Investment income net of loan interest	£59.8	£64.7	£255.4
Underwriting result	(84.1)	(66.4)	(314.2)
Life profits	£14.2	£13.4	£55.8
Associated companies' earnings	£1.7	£2.3	£12.3
Operating Profit/(Loss) before Taxation	£(8.4)	£14.0	£9.3
Taxation and minorities	£(9)	£(6.3)	£(17.4)
Operating Profit/(Loss)	£(9.3)	£7.7	£(8.1)
Realised Investment Gains	£7.1	£14.8	£30.1
Profit/(Loss) Attributable to Shareholders	£(2.2)	£22.5	£22.0
Earnings per Share	Operating profit/(loss)	£(2.25)p	£1.87p
	Realised investment gains	£1.72p	£3.59p

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Minister insists BAe must stay under UK control

MERGER

If the proposed merger between Thorn-EMI and British Aerospace is to go ahead, the Government will require the new company to agree arrangements which would continue to give effect to the undertaking given when British Aerospace was privatized – that the company would not pass outside United Kingdom control. Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, said in a Commons statement.

He added that the precise nature of these arrangements would need to be determined in the light of circumstances.

Reporting on the announcement of the sale of the shares of EMI and British Aerospace are having talks to explore the possibility of a merger. Mr Lamont said such a merger would fall to be considered by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under the provisions of the Fair Trading Act, so that he could decide whether investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission was required.

No decision on this point could be reached until details of a proposal had been studied and a recommendation received from the Director General of Fair Trading.

The Government said it will also require an undertaking that British Aerospace's participation in the Airbus programmes will continue.

Subject to these considerations and to studying the details of any proposal which may emerge from the present exploratory discussions, the Government does not see any reason which would justify using its shareholding in British Aerospace to impede such a merger if it proved acceptable to a majority of the remaining shareholders.

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said it was a thoroughly bad and muddled statement, and possibly a disgraceful statement. It was an astonishingly passive approach by the Government to an industry in which it had major responsibility.

Does he think it sensible (he asked) to allow a firm successful in colour television and video and in marketing various pop groups to be responsible for failing to meet the development of Britain's largest company in civil and military aviation and missile technology?

He asked for a renewed undertaking that the words used by the previous Secretary of State, about

no large proportion of shares falling into foreign hands, would stand.

If not we shall want to bring him to account (he said). There will have to be a major debate because you cannot give undertakings of this kind and abandon them.

It was vital to defend and the future of the aerospace industry that it must remain under Government control.

Mr Lamont said that Mr Shore was over-reacting. The Government position was that it accepted the requirements had been listed, it was essentially neutral. If these considerations were satisfied he did not see why a merger should not go ahead. It would be wrong for him to comment on the industrial merits of the proposal.

The Government intended to maintain voting rights of more than 25 per cent in the company.

When the company might become merged, there would be an entirely new situation but the Government shareholding was to ensure that control of British Aerospace remained financially within United Kingdom control and that commitment still applied.

Mr Michael Grylls (North-West Surrey, C): British governments have been well served by an efficient and dynamic industry in which, until the 1977 Act they had no share. So ownership of shares is by no means necessary.

Will the minister give a categorical assurance that he will do nothing to interfere in the proper workings of the market but simply act as would any other shareholder.

Mr Lamont: There are many important defence companies which are competitive and in which the Government has no shareholding and in which there is no reason I should have any.

It would be wrong if the Government used its shareholding to impose its views on others.

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan, Lab): As the Government has a 48 per cent share, this merger can only go ahead with positive Government encouragement and approval and it is irresponsible for the minister to say that it will be left to other shareholders, particularly in view of the undertakings at the time of privatization, which might soon be breached by the Government.

Mr Lamont: It is not irresponsible.

It has been privatized and it would be wrong to go on treating it as if it were in the public sector.

Mr Michael Marshall (Arundel, C): said the employee shareholding

Park: Government cannot stay at arm's length

scheme at the BAe had been successful.

Mr Lamont: Employee shareholders have about 4 per cent of the shares. Under the law, the same offer must be made to them as to other shareholders. They will have the opportunity to participate in the future of their company.

Mr Andrew Mackay (East Derbyshire, C): asked if launch aid for civil aircraft projects would still be available if the merger went ahead.

Mr Lamont: Launch aid is available for companies in the private sector regardless of the structure. This company would continue to be eligible for launch aid.

Mr George Park (Coventry North East, Lab): Since the Government is still a major shareholder surely the House is entitled to hear what the Government thinks of this proposal? It cannot stand back with this proposal and do nothing.

Mr Lamont: The Government may have made an assessment of the sheer competence of other people who propose to take on this company.

Mr Lamont: These are early days and no detailed proposal has yet been put forward. We must await such details. This company has been privatized. Mr Park may wish to ask the Housing and Building Control Bill by evicting them before the Bill came into force.

Mr Derek Conway (Shrewsbury and Atcham, C): had asked Mr Gow what recent representations he had received alleging that some county councils were taking actions aimed at pre-empting rights for tenants to be enacted in the Housing and Building Control Bill.

Mr Gow: I am aware of reports that tenancies are being terminated in order to frustrate the intentions of the Bill.

County councils are currently in a position to terminate tenancies at a month's notice. That will remain the position until the Housing and Building Control Bill comes into effect. A tenancy which is terminated before the Bill takes effect will not be subject to its provisions.

It follows that county councils are in some cases able to frustrate the purposes of the proposed new legislation. The decisions are for them to take under the law as it stands. I consider it indefensible for any public authority to take steps against individuals and families to deprive them of rights which both House have concluded that they should have.

The Bill makes provision for certain tenancies to be exempted from security of tenure. These exceptions have been considered by both Houses of Parliament. Parliament has decided on a balance between the reasonable expectations of tenants and the need for county councils to retain control of housing needed for operational purposes.

There may be some cases in which it may be appropriate for a county council to adjust its tenancy arrangements in the light of the detailed provisions in the Bill.

I regard it as particularly indefensible if any tenant were to be evicted from a dwelling which is surplus to operational requirement simply so that dwelling might be sold on the open market with vacant possession at a higher price.

The Earl of Avon, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, replying to the debate, said this Government more than any other in history had been willing to back its belief in the future of the coal industry with money and investment in modernization.

That was backed up by a highly skilled team of technicians and miners and great expertise in the extraction and use of solid fuel.

In part the decline in demand for energy, coal was in a strong position to compete with oil. In the long term there was the prospect of growth in coal demand throughout western Europe while, while some would be met from home resources, would provide an invitation to the British mining industry to compete.

Coal also represented the largest fossil fuel reserves in the world and was going to be needed as far ahead as could be seen, with all other forms of fuel well developed.

The one real come for a broad review of energy strategy and it should be repeated every five years.

Lord Campbell of Crox (C): said any long-term and broad energy strategy must be flexible. It could not be a hard and fast plan. Coal must be kept competitive and reliable. Britain is the largest producer of coal in Europe and there were valuable and economic seams which would continue to be used when the oil had been extracted.

The Earl of Halsbury (Ind): said that among the illusions from which Mr Scargill suffered was the belief that the Government was trying to

understanding in the market. The debate was concluded.

Nuclear power had firmly established itself as a supply option for the UK. The Government expected it to play a significant role in meeting future energy needs.

The Government's approach was to encourage the more efficient economic exploitation of energy resources, not by central direction, but by clearing the way for producers and consumers to reach the best possible understanding in the market.

The debate was concluded.

Bill to stop political advertising

HOUSE OF LORDS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Mrs Angela Rumbold (Mitscham and Morden, C) was given leave by 232 votes to 141 – majority, 91 – to bring in a Bill to prevent local authorities from incurring expenditure on advertising for party political purposes.

She said that to date the Greater London Council had spent in excess of £5m in this way. Sheffield and Lambeth had both produced videos to market their campaigns.

Over the past few months advertisements had been displayed in newspapers on a regular basis criticizing Government policy.

Money for political advertising should come from sources in full knowledge of the purpose for which it was to be spent.

"Funds from rates and taxes should not be used for political purposes." Her Local Authorities' Publication of Expenditure on Party Political Advertising Bill would ensure this by amending the Local Government Act 1972.

Mr Frank Dhoen (Holborn and St Pancras, Lab), opposing the Bill, said the law in this matter was quite clear. Under section 137 of the Local Government Act an authority could incur expenditure for any purpose which in his opinion was in the interests of its area and its inhabitants.

Mrs Rumbold apparently objected to efforts to inform local authorities of the consequences of the abolition of the GLC and the six metropolitan authorities. This was not a party political matter.

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Britons abroad miss out on electoral Community spirit

By David Cross

Virtually all

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other EEC member states

have mounted

a vigorous campaign to ensure

that as many as possible of their

600,000 citizens living in

Britain can vote in next

month's European elections.

This contrasts sharply with the lack of activity by British embassies on the Continent where most British residents are still without a voice.

Since the Community's 170 million or so voters last had

their chance to vote for members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg in 1979, a number of member states, including Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg have made special arrangements to enable their citizens living in other parts of the Community to take part in what is meant to be a pan-European exercise in democracy. Others such as the Netherlands and France have such facilities already.

The most ambitious and complex scheme to get their nationals to the Euro-polls is being mounted by the Italians.

On Sunday June 17 when most other EEC member states vote the British poll is on June 14 but the ballots will remain unopened until polling stations on the Continent close) between 35,000 and 40,000 Italian residents in Britain will cast their votes in polling stations being set up in public buildings throughout the country.

In the South of England, south Wales, and Northern Ireland alone 62 polling stations will be in operation at 35 venues. Similar arrangements are being made by the Italian consulate in Manchester for Italians living in north Wales and the North of England and by the consulate-general in Edinburgh for those resident in Scotland. The votes will be counted and the results sent back to Rome where they will be taken into account in the selection of Italy's 81 members of the European Parliament (MEPs).

The scale of the operation

meant that officials at the three legations began getting in touch

with potential voters, with a few notable exceptions. Ironically in Belgium and the Netherlands they will be able to vote for local Belgian and Dutch MEPs if they have fulfilled certain residential requirements.

On the other hand, the

French, German, Spanish and

Austrian embassies have

not yet issued any information

about the arrangements for

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Defending the West

Nato ministers fall out over £11bn budget

From Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

Nato's defence planning committee failed here last night to agree on a ceiling for the new common infrastructure programme. Ministers leaving the first day's session were seriously concerned as this was the first time that an agreement on an infrastructure programme for Nato had been withheld.

General Cornelius de Jager, chairman of Nato's military committee, said that he had warned ministers of the military consequences of the failure by member countries to supply the requested funds. He underlined the increasing qualitative im-

portance of the Warsaw Pact forces which were eroding the technological advantage of the West.

He said that it was essential to introduce weapon systems based on emerging technology to restore the balance. Ministers will discuss this subject today.

The infrastructure programme pays for common user items, such as runways, aircraft shelters, ammunition and equipment storage sites for cruise and Pershing 2 missiles.

"We are talking here about an overall 0.25 per cent of Nato budgets", a senior American official said, "and the reception of essential American reinforcements for Europe depends on it."

Heavy equipment for five American divisions is to be stored in Europe so that the personnel can be moved rapidly in time of crisis.

The countries were not prepared to fund the £11 billion requested by the military commanders. But the United States proposed a ceiling of approximately £7bn, Britain £5.6bn and West Germany and most of the others £3.72bn.

Herr Manfred Woerner, the German Minister of Defence, was prepared to raise this amount by approximately £500m which the United States considered to be inadequate. However, as Herr Woerner said that he had no authority to raise the amount any further, the meeting adjourned in disagreement. Ministers will discuss the matter again this morning.

Reagan man rejected

From Nicholas Astford, Washington

Controversy continues to plague the United States Information Agency (USIA), the propaganda arm of the American Government, which has been at the centre of a continuous series of disputes since President Reagan appointed his friend, Mr Charles Wick, as its director three years ago.

On Tuesday the Republican-dominated Senate foreign relations committee rejected the nomination of Mr Leslie Lenkowsky to become the agency's deputy-director. Several Senators claimed Mr Lenkowsky had lied to the committee about his role in blacklisting people from the agency's overseas speaking programme.

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Nato meeting: Mr Heseltine, British Defence Minister (left), with Chief of Staff Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall in Brussels yesterday.

Pentagon fears cuts will cancel progress

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The fighting capability of the United States has increased markedly in four years of military build-up, according to a detailed military evaluation by the Pentagon. It gives warning that the progress could be threatened by future budget cuts.

The 124-page report points to substantial improvements in the quality of personnel and equipment but emphasizes that there are problems in force readiness and ability to sustain military action.

A summary of the report by the Department of Defense presented a picture of steady improvements in every area. Mr William Taft, Deputy Defence Secretary, said that Congress and the American people should know that they had "got the increased military capability they paid for".

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Committee has recommended a 3.5 per cent increase.

The Pentagon report was intended to offset suggestions leaked internal Pentagon reports that military readiness in some categories had declined despite sharply increased military expenditure by the Reagan Administration.

Senator Sam Nunn, the leading Democrat on the Senate armed services committee, had questioned whether the Pentagon was buying new weapons faster than it was buying back-up spare parts and equipment for them.

Despite the generally rosy picture painted by the report, it does point to a decline in Army and Air Force readiness.

Costs of maintenance are rising sharply, according to the report. "Even though more efficient and cost-saving methods have been developed for complex new equipment, costs have proven to be greater as we transition from the mechanical to the electronic age."

Kohl forced to withdraw amnesty on taxes

From Michael Binion
Bonn

Faced with a humiliating Parliamentary defeat and an open split within the coalition, the Government yesterday withdrew its controversial amnesty for more than 3,000 people accused of tax and other irregularities in making political donations.

The decision was made after a meeting between the Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Free Democratic (FDP) coalition partners, who were overwhelmingly opposed to the Bill. It came only a few hours before a meeting of the FDP Parliamentary group, which was expected to vote decisively against the amnesty in spite of its support by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the party leader.

The government sent a letter to Herr Rainer Barzel, President of the Bundestag, telling him the Bill, due for a first reading on May 24, had now been withdrawn. The opposition Social Democrats (SPD), who had called the amnesty a "grave blow to the conception of law", immediately welcomed the move, as did the Greens.

Chancellor Kohl, insisted only on Tuesday that he would push for a debate on the proposal in Parliament even without the Bill.

But in a clear sign of anger with his Liberal partners, his Christian Democratic Party spokesman said the CDU and the Bavarian-based Christian Social Union (CSU) "acknowledge with regret that the FDP's decision means there is no longer a majority for the Bill in parliament."

The fiasco, deeply wounding to the Government and to Herr Kohl's prestige, comes only two weeks after the amnesty was announced at the end of many months of secret deliberations. It has already led to strong criticism within the FDP of Herr Genscher's leadership, and threatened to upset him at the coming Party congress next month.

Yesterday the affair led to sharp polemics between the FDP and the CSU, led by Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, which accused Herr Genscher of unreliability. The CSU party organ *Bayernkurier* said that Herr Genscher's treachery and volte-face were the worst blunder that had hit the coalition.

Government supporters were trying to play down the damage to the coalition yesterday.

Israeli forces blow up refugee homes in Lebanon

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Israeli forces in southern Lebanon have mounted a big security operation inside the Ein Hilwe Palestinian refugee camp which, military sources claim, has been pinpointed as the starting place for many recent ambushes against Israeli troops.

The Lebanese reports said 30 residents of the camp had been arrested in the Israeli operation, which later prompted angry demonstrations in the camp.

The Israeli sources did not specify the number of arrests, saying that "in the course of searches and preventive actions carried out by the Israeli forces on Tuesday night, a number of arrests were made and a number of arms and explosive charges were found".

The military sources here denied Lebanese allegations that tanks were used to ring the camp, most of which was flattened during the Israeli invasion in June, 1982.

It has been the site of frequent violent incidents since, with the Palestinian refugees claiming that their men need arms to prevent a possible massacre by Lebanese Christians, similar to that carried out under the noses of the Israelis at the Sabra and Chatila camps in west Beirut in 1982.

In a separate development, a member of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army was killed yesterday and another injured in a gun and grenade ambush three miles north of the Israeli border, in the central part of southern Lebanon.

Israel hopes the 2,500-strong militia will eventually take over much of the policing of the south of Lebanon.

Mexican leader's visit ends in discord

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico told a joint session of Congress yesterday that his Government rejected "without exception, all military plans that would seriously endanger" the security and development of the region.

Divisions over Central America have marred an otherwise cordial state visit by Senor de la Madrid, who returns to Mexico City tomorrow. His speech left no doubt that he disagrees with Mr Reagan's assertion last week that Mexico itself could be threatened by turmoil in Central America.

Without directly criticizing the Reagan Administration, his remarks appeared to amount to a call on the United States to disengage from military involvement in Central America.

"This continent must not be a scenario for generalized violence that becomes increasingly difficult to control."

His speech demonstrated a clear disagreement with President Reagan's assertion that pro-Soviet groups are at the heart of conflicts in the region.

Hungarians withdraw from the Olympics

Budapest (Reuters) - Hungary yesterday withdrew from the Olympics, joining the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Vietnam, Laos, Afghanistan and Mongolia. The only Eastern Bloc countries still to declare their Olympic intentions are Poland and Romania.

The Hungarian Olympic Committee considers that the present conditions in the organization of the summer Olympics do not allow Hungarian athletes to participate in the Games, a statement issued by the official media said.

The committee "shares the concern of the respective Olympic committees of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries and declares its solidarity with them".

US post for Harold Evans

New York - Mr Harold Evans, former editor of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the Atlantic Monthly Press, a division of the Atlantic Monthly Company of Boston, Massachusetts. The post is newly-created, and Mr Evans, who will be based here, will start next month. (Trevor Fishlock writes).

The Atlantic Monthly Press is the book-publishing section of the company which also owns the magazine, the *Atlantic*. Mr Evans' wife, Tina Brown, is editor of *Vanity Fair* in New York.

British protester freed in Italy

Rome - Jill Allison Howard, a British woman arrested last Friday when police dismantled fascists' camps near the cruise missile base at Comiso in Sicily, was released yesterday and told to leave Italy in five days (John Earle writes).

Two other women, an Australian and a New Zealander, were also freed and served with expulsion orders. Three West German men remain in prison.

French gloom

Paris - The number of unemployed in France rose by 52,000 last month to a total of 2,296,000. Prices rose by an estimated 0.6 per cent, bringing the total increase for the first four months of this year to 2.6 per cent.

Tonight at 9.30, a film about unwanted parents.



9.30 tonight on Channel Four, James Fox and Jane Asher star in "Runners".

2.30 Channel 4 Racing. The third day of the May Meeting at York.

4.30 Cartoon Carnival.

5.00 Countdown. The popular panel game which tests your skill with words and numbers.

5.30 Everybody Here.

6.00 Barriers.

6.30 Gardener's Calendar. Hannah Gordon with more seasonal advice about the garden, from planting rock gardens to pollinating apple trees.

7.00 Channel 4 News.

8.00 Survive. Nick Downie looks at the odds facing the survivors of a nuclear war.

9.00 Soap.

9.30 Runners. Convinced that his missing 11-year-old daughter is still alive, James Fox sets out to scour London's myriad railway stations and back alleys.

Jane Asher co-stars in Charles Sturridge's acclaimed production.

11.30 Arlott in Conversation with Mike Brearley. The last of the series, in which John Arlott reminisces about cricket, pictures and wine.

12.25 Ian Breakwell's Continuous Diary.

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Death squads on rampage

Indonesia plagued by secret killings

From Robert Trumball

Jakarta (NYT) - A typical killing begins when a group of armed men, unknown in the neighbourhood or village, appear at a door in the middle of the night. A man, later identified by the authorities as a criminal, is taken away by force.

In a day or so his bullet-riddled body is found near by, where it has been deposited after the killing in some more distant place. Sometimes the killers leave 10,000 rupiahs, about £7, on the body to cover the cost of burial.

In the case of Idrus Muhammed Soleh, aged 28, a school watchman in Jakarta, two men, one wearing a ski mask, threw open the door to the bedroom where he and his wife, Lisdawati, aged 23, were asleep one night in November. The masked man pulled out a pistol and fired two shots into the watchman's head. The intruders left ignoring his wife.

An account of the incident in the Hongkong news magazine, "Starweek" was obliterated with black ink by government censors before the publication was allowed to reach readers in Indonesia. Mr Soleh had no criminal record but he was a member of a Jakarta gang.

Unlike death squad operations reported in such countries as El Salvador and the Philippines, the killings in Indonesia are believed to be free of political motivation.

A human rights lawyer, who asked to be anonymous, estimated recently that there had been 3,000 to 4,000 such clandestine killings since President Suharto's Government began a vigorous anti-crime campaign about a year and a half ago.

Though the role of government agencies in the slayings is unclear, the victims are always identified by the authorities as known malefactors, usually

with police records linking them to crimes of violence. Many bodies bear tattoos, the traditional badge of the Indonesian gangster.

Some Indonesians have expressed concern, however, that people are being killed for reasons other than criminality or that some have been killed in error.

The uniform methodology of the killings indicates a centrally directed campaign to exterminate crime and hooligans recovered from bodies have shown that weapons used were the same as the standard army and police handguns.

A recent US State Department report said there was no verifiable estimate of the number of such killings. It added: "In published statements, government officials have indicated that hundreds were killed. Human rights groups claimed that there were up to 4,000 victims during 1983".

Since those responsible for the deaths were unknown, Indonesian newspapers referred to such incidents as "penembakan misterius", or mysterious killings until the Government ordered the strictly controlled press to stop reporting such cases last year. The term, though not seen in local publications now, caught on and is widely used.

Although human rights organizations here have been disturbed by the killings, Indonesians are unconcerned unless the victim is a relative, a writer on public affairs said. He also asked not to be identified.

People are relieved that it has become safer to walk the streets, a Jakarta editor said, alluding to a significant drop in the rate of reported crime since the mysterious killings in many parts of the country reached their height last year.



School wheels: This cheaply welded cage fixed to a bicycle is one way of getting Delhi children to and from school, at little cost to parents. Photograph: Ian Wright.

Pentagon wants to spend more than £100m on defences in Honduras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

military presence in the country.

At La Cieba, an airfield on the Atlantic coast, the report proposes expenditure of \$8m on improvements so the base could support "tactical aircraft operations". It could also handle planes from aircraft carriers, the report says.

Another proposal is for the construction of a \$1.5m storage site for air munitions, which would be useful "in the event the US must deploy tactical aircraft in Honduras in support of a decision to provide military assistance as outlined in the Rio Treaty".

At the Honduran airfield of San Lorenzo, near the Gulf of Fonseca, the Pentagon proposes the expenditure of \$2.9m to build installations for the storage of military equipment.

It also proposes on the improvement of Guantanamo Bay, the US base on the south-eastern coast of Cuba.

On the Honduras proposals the report states: These facilities are required to provide storage for the prepositioning of bridging and barrier materials, including munitions. These facilities would significantly reduce the time required for the US to provide military assistance as necessary.

The build-up in Honduras is particularly significant as it is possible that the US Southern Command, its Latin American military headquarters, might have to leave Panama at the end of the century with the termination of the Panama Canal treaty. Honduras is clearly emerging as the alternative base.

Mr Taft has been asked to testify before the house military construction sub-committee on the proposals.

Costa Ricans protest against US pressure

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

Tens of thousands of Costa Ricans paraded through the centre of San José on Tuesday in a march for peace and neutrality.

Schools and public offices were closed to allow people to participate in what was said to be the largest demonstration in memory in this tiny politically stable country.

Carrying placards and colourful banners, the marches chanted: "Peace yes, war no", "If the rich want war, let them go and fight", and "No to armaments for Costa Rica".

The estimated 20,000 to 30,000 demonstrators followed a route specifically chosen, the organizers, said to bypass the United States embassy where it was feared violence could erupt.

In the only incident of the day, one demonstrator detonated past the embassy and hurled several bags of red paint at its white wall. Security at the embassy was reinforced but it remained open.

Anti-American, as well as anti- and pro-Nicaraguan slogans were banned by the organizers. Even so there were numerous chants calling for the rebel leader, Señor Edén Pastora, to stop using Costa Rica as a base for his military activities against Nicaragua.

Costa Rica is the only country in the region without an army and, under President Luis Alberto Monge, has declared itself militarily neutral in external conflicts.

Duarte win upheld in El Salvador

San Salvador (Reuter) - Election officials in El Salvador have rejected a request by the losing party in this month's presidential polls for a recount of the vote, upholding the victory of the moderate Christian Democrat, Señor José Napoleón Duarte.

Señor Armando Rodríguez Egizabal, president of the Central Elections Council, said that a petition by the far-right Nationalist Republican Alliance (Arena) party to nullify the result of the May 6 vote had been rejected.

On Monday night, Arena called for a recount of the vote because of what it said were irregularities in the council's counting procedures.

Arena representatives alleged that many votes counted in favour of the Christian Democrats were invalid.

Their petition was without basis and the final results stand... We will give Duarte official notification that he is the President-elect of the country, Señor Rodríguez Egizabal said.

Señor Duarte is preparing to visit Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica and the US as President-elect before the weekend.

• Youths kidnapped: Left-wing guerrillas kidnapped dozens of young people from the village of El Limón near here to press them into service with rebel forces, military sources said (AP reports). Between 50 and 80 young men and women were carried off in part of a rebel recruitment drive.

Guerrillas arrived at the village on Monday evening and ordered the young people by name to come out of their houses, then took away those between 15 and 30.

US strongly defends tactics on Namibia

By Kenneth Mackenzie

A vigorous defence of the American policy of linking a settlement in Namibia with the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola was made yesterday by Dr Chester Crocker, US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

Speaking in Washington on a satellite-linked press conference, he was answering questions by journalists in Lagos, Lusaka, Nairobi and London. He also refused to call the recent Lusaka conference on Namibia a failure, insisting it was a step forward.

Facing hostile questions on linkage, Dr Crocker said: "We want to solve the problem of Namibia, not just feel good about it and pass glorious resolutions. If we can get a commitment on the withdrawal of Cuban troops we can get a solution."

He said Security Council resolution 435, which provides for a UN-supervised election leading to independence, remained a fundamental element for a settlement. The US forced no change in that, but there also had to be a political basis for implementation. "There has got to be something for everyone."

Defending his optimism, he said the Lusaka meeting was not meant to reach decisions. It was a meeting of political

parties and it was valuable that Swapo and the internal Namibian parties had got together. Decisions would have to be taken by governments.

"Our understanding is that the South Africans have accepted resolution 435 and will implement it provided the Cubans are withdrawn," Dr Crocker said.

"It is known that in South Africa there is a question mark regarding UN impartiality. Farther north there is a question mark regarding South African impartiality."

"This is politics. But if we can get a satisfactory understanding on the Cuban issue we will get resolution 435."

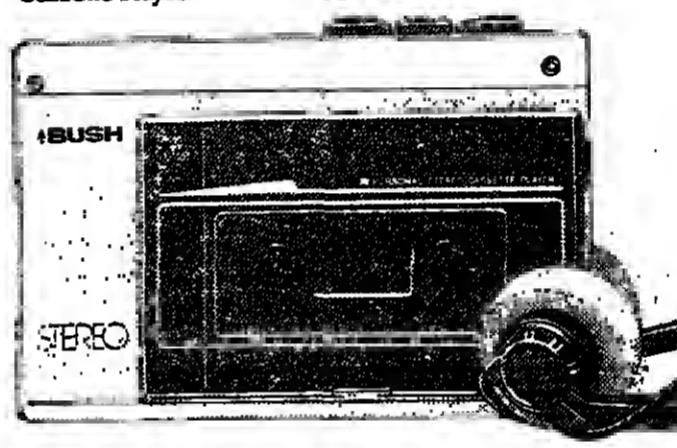
Asked about his policy of "generally constructive engagement" with South Africa, Dr Crocker said this did not mean cosying up to apartheid. It was always made clear that there had to be a change away from racism if negotiations were to continue.

The most important thing was to remove illusions - that change could come from armed struggle across the border or that South Africa faces a total onslaught. Once these were gone, bridges and channels could be opened and "many signals can be sent in both directions".

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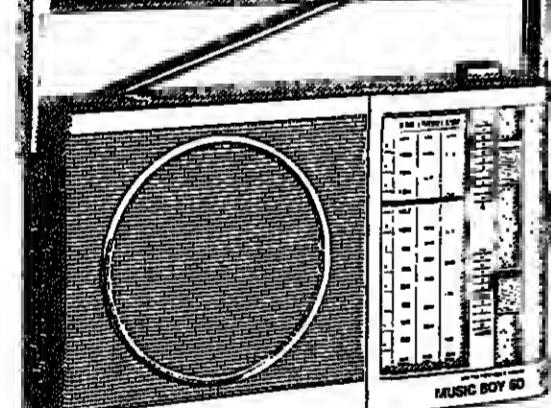
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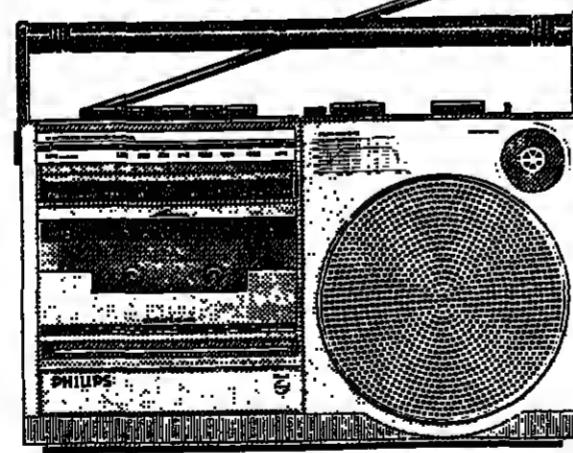
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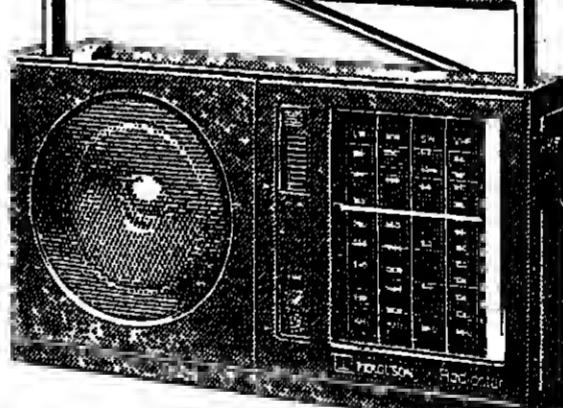
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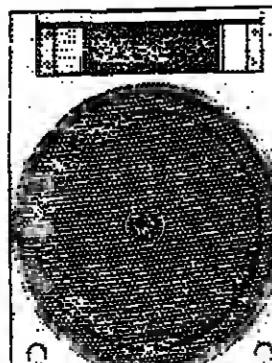


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Hart campaign gains new momentum with wins in Oregon and Nebraska

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

"The voters have said they are not prepared to see this race over," a triumphant Senator Gary Hart told 400 cheering supporters after easily winning primaries in Oregon and Nebraska on Tuesday night. "On to California, on to New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota and on to the White House."

Mr Hart had to win in Oregon and Nebraska if he was to sustain the renewed momentum which his flagging campaign had gained with last week's victories in Ohio and Indiana. And win he did — very easily.

In Oregon Mr Hart won 57

Wooing the female vote

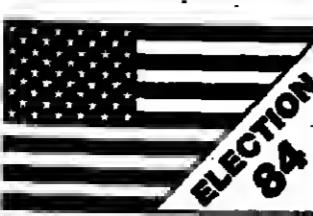
The most talked of woman in America

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The most talked about woman in American politics these days is Mrs Geraldine Ferraro, a 43-year-old Democratic congresswoman from the Queens district of New York.

In the past few weeks most leading newspapers have carried lengthy profiles about her; she is appearing constantly on television, and has even made the social pages by being seen mixing with the well-heeled celebrities who attended last weekend's Kentucky Derby — an unusual setting for a woman whose father ran a five-and-dime store and whose constituency gave birth to "Archie Bunker", the American television equivalent of Alf Garnett.

The reason for Mrs Ferraro's current fame is not because of anything special she has done or said, or even because she has been selected as the first woman



per cent of the vote to Mr Walter Mondale's 31 per cent and 8 per cent for the Rev Jesse Jackson. In Nebraska Mr Hart gained 58 per cent of the vote compared with 27 per cent for Mr Mondale and 9 per cent for Mr Jackson.

The victories did not significantly reduce the delegate gap between Mr Hart and Mr Mondale. The former Vice-President still holds a lead of

almost 221 over his Colorado rival. Mr Hart is projected to win 28 delegates in Oregon and 15 in Nebraska.

However, the wins will be of great psychological importance for the Hart campaign. Mr Hart hopes that the momentum will enable him to score further big victories on "Final Tuesday" (June 5) when California, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota and West Virginia hold their primaries.

According to United Press International's count there are now 1,552 delegates pledged to support Mr Mondale at the party's nominating convention in San Francisco in July, 931 for Mr Hart and 291 for Mr Jackson. A further 361 are uncommitted and 58 are for other candidates.

Mr Mondale had predicted that he would have the 1,967 delegate votes required for the nomination by the time the "Final Tuesday" primaries were over. However, yesterday he backed down from that prediction, saying "I don't want to be pinned down to a particular date."

Mr Hart's strategy now is to perform sufficiently well in the remaining contests to deny Mr Mondale enough delegates to lock up the nomination and then to persuade a brokered convention that he, rather than Mr Mondale, has the best chance of defeating President Reagan in November.

Experts from both political parties agree that the day is rapidly approaching when a woman will run for the vice-presidency, but no one knows whether it will occur in 1984.

Mr Charles Manatt, the Democratic Party chairman, says that "it's gone beyond the hypothetical discussion stage". But many Republicans feel the Democrats are merely talking about the merits of running a woman for the vice-presidency, in an attempt to woo the important women's vote to their side.

There are as many minuses as there are pluses about putting a woman's name on the Democratic ticket. Those in favour argue that a woman would bring the party a net gain in votes, particularly among younger women voters. Women now constitute 53 per cent of the electorate and polls show that President Reagan's standing is much lower among women than it is among men.

Running a woman for the vice-presidency would, it is contended, exploit the "gender gap" to the Democrats' advantage.

However, the antis (who include many women) feel that running a woman for Vice-President would be just a token and would take the pressure off the Democrats to name more women to top jobs. They also fear it could tilt the male vote further in Mr Reagan's favour.

Numerous polls have been taken about the merits of having a woman's name on the Democratic ticket, often with differing or ambiguous results. Although they show that most Americans support the principle of a woman for Vice-President, they become much less enthusiastic when specific names are mentioned.

A recent *New York Times* CBS News poll showed that a woman for Vice-President would attract a significant number of women under the age of 45, but would drive off large numbers of men over 45, men from the West and from the suburbs.

Mrs Ferraro is the preference of the party establishment and last week received the public backing of Mr Thomas O'Neil. A slim and attractive blonde whose good looks belie an inner toughness, she can be brassy and irreverent and seems equally at home delivering a speech on women's rights or swapping stories with male colleagues.

Other possible vice-presidential candidates include Mrs Dianne Feinstein, Mayor of San Francisco, Rep. Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, Rep. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, Rep. Lindy Boggs of Louisiana and Mrs Eleanor Smeal, former president of the National Organization of Women.

China and Vietnam both claim victory

Hanoi (AFP) — Vietnamese troops killed at least 100 Chinese soldiers after a fresh Chinese incursion into the Vietnamese border province of Ha Tuyen, a Vietnamese communiqué stated yesterday.

The report conflicted with an account from Peking, where the Chinese news agency said that a number of Vietnamese "invaders" had been killed in Yunnan province.

The Vietnamese statement said that Chinese armed forces had fired more than 6,000 shells of varying sizes in the provinces against hills identified as 1,558, 1,587, 1,427 and 1,030. It said that "the Chinese sent an infantry regiment from the military zone of Kunming" in the Chinese province of Yunnan against hill 1,030. But Hanoi's troops "punished the Chinese aggressors, annihilating at least 100 enemies".

China also fired several thousand shells into two other Vietnamese border provinces, Cao Bang and Langson, the communiqué said.

In Peking, the New China news agency reported that Chinese frontier guards had killed a number of Vietnamese troops in counter-attack on June 17 against the "invaders" in Yunnan.

The Vietnamese suffered heavy losses and some of their positions were destroyed in the attack, the agency said yesterday. Countless Vietnamese shells have fallen on frontier villages in the province in the past three weeks.

The Vietnamese Defence Minister, General Van Tien Dung, has left Hanoi for Moscow, Western sources here said. The length of the visit, which was neither denied nor confirmed by Vietnamese sources, was unknown.

One theory is that the purpose of the visit is to ask for additional arms in light of the prolonged border tension.

Others said that Thailand's planned purchase of F16 fighter jets the United States may have caused Vietnam to seek similar planes from the Soviet Union.



Senator Hart taking time off from the campaign to go riding in Denver, Colorado.

Solidarity chief stabs himself in jail protest

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

A jailed leader of the banned Solidarity union has stabbed himself in the stomach with a hunger knife, apparently to avoid having to testify in the trial of a colleague.

The action by Piotr Bednarz, who will spend up to 10 days in hospital, is the latest in a series of hunger strikes, cell protests and political clashes between Solidarity prisoners and the authorities.

The prison's political wing, which contains only nine prisoners, has become the most unruly in Poland. Three members of the Wroclaw underground, Bednarz, Wladyslaw Frasyniuk and Jozef Piniar, and two from Lodz have been conducting their opposition struggle demanding clearly defined political status.

The other four prisoners, who include members of the nationalist KPN movement, support the campaign.

The prisoners claim that they have been silenced by wardens using straitjackets, handcuffs and mouthgags. The authorities say they are entitled to do this and deny the use of adhesive tape to silence prisoners.

Bednarz would have been required to testify in the trial of Jozef Piniar, who is charged with illegal union activities. His testimony is described as essential to the case, and the hearings have been stopped temporarily.

King Juan Carlos ends boldest trip

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

King Juan Carlos arrived back here yesterday from Leningrad, having given a new prestige to Spain during a six-day state visit with Queen Sofia to the Soviet Union.

On the boldest and most difficult of his official journeys abroad, the King added a distinctive Spanish emphasis when he rose to the challenge of taking world problems.

Before the hard line Soviet leadership, he emphasized the new democratic Spain's belief in the universal validity of human rights. But in his banquet speech before President Chernenko, the King also voiced Madrid's belief that there must be dialogue between the two super powers to stop the growing tension.

Senor Fernando Moran, the Foreign Minister, who had almost three hours of talks with his counterpart, Mr Andrei Gromyko, died yesterday on his return with the royal couple

to Madrid.

Swedes jeer Mitterrand

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

President Mitterrand was met by jeering demonstrators protesting against France's testing of nuclear weapons in the South Pacific when he arrived in Sweden yesterday for a two-day state visit.

The protesters chanted slogans and waved placards as the president and his wife, Danielle, were welcomed at Arlanda airport by Sweden's Prince Bertil and driven to the royal palace in Stockholm.

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Sanctions breakers face legal action by Cyprus

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Cyprus intends to take legal action against European Community countries, including Britain, which continue importing goods from the secessionist Turkish-Cypriot state, in defiance of a Community ban and the latest Security Council resolution.

This was disclosed by Mr Andreas Christofidis, the Cypriot spokesman, at the close of two days of talks between President Kyprianou, who was returning home from New York, and Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister.

Mr Christofidis said this move which would include, if necessary, recourse to the European Court, was one of a series of actions decided during the Athens talks between the two sides.

The Cypriot spokesman said there was no room for a resumption of the inter-communal dialogue at any level. The Turkish-Cypriot conditions for this were absurd.

The Athens talks between President Kyprianou and Mr Papandreu had also examined the defence of Cyprus as well as contingency plans in case the Turkish-Cypriots asked the UN to sign a separate agreement with it to allow the UN peace force to be deployed in the occupied north of the island.

"We are taking the resolution literally and asking for its full implementation," he said. "We are asking the five permanent members of the UN Security Council to invite Turkey to surrender Varosha (the Greek section of Famagusta) to the UN for the resettlement of its Greek inhabitants."

The Security Council said in its Resolution 550 that "it considers attempts to settle any part of Varosha by people other than its inhabitants as inadmissible".

Correction

The diplomatic victory at the United Nations referred to on May 14, was achieved by the Greek Cypriots, not, as stated, by Greece.

Naz's funeral: Walter Rauff's son and grandson, who both bear his name, lead pallbearers after a service for the fugitive Nazi war criminal, who died in Santiago, Chile on Monday. Nazi sympathizers (right) shouted "Heil Hitler" and gave the Nazi salute during the burial. Rauff was accused of murdering 97,000 Jews in mobile gas chambers.



Turkish elite demand human rights

From Rasis Gurdieck Ankara

In a petition submitted to President Ermen and to Mr Necmettin Karaduman, the Parliamentary Speaker, 1,260 leading Turkish academics, lawyers, writers, journalists, former politicians and artists called for the restoration of democratic institutions in Turkey.

while they were received personally by the Speaker.

"To alienate democracy from its inherent values and institutions, to preserve it in form while emptying it of its contents, is as dangerous as destroying it", the intellectuals said in their petition.

They considered it humiliating that their country should be reduced to the position of a

state whose human rights guarantees were being debated in other countries, and called for measures for the complete eradication of torture, the existence of which had, they said, been proven by court decisions. "We fear that it may have become habitual for torture to be used as an extra-judicial, prior and primitive form of punishment."

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Philippine regime warned not to rig poll results

From David Watts, Manila

The ruling New Society Movement (KBL) in the Philippines was warned last night "to abandon further attempts to tamper with or change the election results".

The warning came from Mr Jose Concepcion, chairman of the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel) as suspicions grew among opposition politicians over the lack of official results from Monday's election.

Though the polls closed more than 48 hours ago, the government national commission on elections has not declared any official results, apart from conceding that one seat in Manila had gone to the Opposition.

Even President Marcos appealed to the commission to produce results quickly in order to ease tensions, and Namfrel has cabled its observers across the country to report on the state of election returns within 24 hours.

Namfrel has been compiling a list of results from all over the country, based on reports from 300,000 poll watchers.

According to these results, the principal Opposition and independent parties were winning in 80 seats with the ruling KBL ahead in 82 after little more than 57 per cent of the votes had been counted. Hardly any new results came in yesterday, and from 15 seats in

The Bulgarian experiment

Reforms that do not ruffle the Russians

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Bulgaria, the Kremlin's staunchest ally in the Balkans, has been setting, by Eastern block standards, a fast pace in economic reforms this year.

Punishing inefficient companies with high interest rates and rewarding efficient ones with low rates is only one of several incentives recently introduced as part of what Mr Ivan Lukyanov, Bulgaria's young Deputy Prime Minister, calls the "economic mechanism".

Other features include wage funds, which enable workers to share profits in successful concerns, and an increasing emphasis on quality as well as quantity, best observed perhaps in the successful Balkan Car fork lift company.

But such improvements are not without problems for a country with a highly centralized economy used to concentrating on quantity rather than quality. Mr Lukyanov is typical of many Bulgarian ministers who, by East European standards, are remarkably young for their jobs and he concedes that many managers of a different generation simply cannot cope with the reforms that have been taking place over the past 18 months.

For the Russians, slightly uneasy at economic reforms in Hungary, the example of Bulgaria is a comforting reminder that the Hungarians are mavericks without progeny in the Eastern block. Whatever the pace of reform set by the Bulgarians, there is no question of any private sector being established.

Western sources are less optimistic than Bulgarian politicians anxious to claim that the pace of reform will be continued. In particular, they question how Bulgaria can hope to finance ambitious plans to revolutionize its technology, with a declining hard-currency income.

Although no balance sheets are published in Bulgaria - despite the Prime Minister's claims that there is no censorship - it is believed that Bulgaria's trade with the West will be down by 4 to 5 per cent by the end of the year.



Mr Filipov: No private sector revival.

Fears for lives as doctors' strike spreads

From Olli Kivinen Helsinki

Hectic efforts to end Finland's six-week long physicians' strike failed yesterday when the union rejected an offer by the state mediator, Mr Teivo Kallo.

It is now feared that the strike will last several more weeks, which would make unnecessary deaths unavoidable. The strike, which began in the bigger cities has now spread to all parts of the country.

All doctors employed in the public sector are on strike and only urgent work is being carried out.

The physicians' strike is the most serious in a series of white collar strikes this spring. Almost all blue collar unions accepted a two-year centralized wages agreement in April which was generally considered to be moderate.

A number of white collar unions belonging to the central organization, Alava, decided to press for more, claiming that many manual unions have been able to secure their members' earnings and other benefits far above those of highly educated members of Alava. Four more manual unions are also on strike.

DeLorean case informer 'paid \$60,000'

Los Angeles (Reuters) Mr James Hoffman, an informer and key prosecution witness in the drug trial of Mr John DeLorean was paid more than \$60,000 (£43,000) by the US government for the five months he worked on the case, a government agent said yesterday.

Mr DeLorean's lawyers allege that Mr Hoffman enticed their client with offers of investments for his car factory in Belfast and then raised the possibility of drug deals.

A convicted drug smuggler and a former neighbour of the DeLoreans in the Pajama Valley area of southern California, Mr Hoffman works for the American government as an informer.

An agent for the US drug enforcement administration, Mr William Walters, told the court yesterday that Mr Hoffman was paid \$28,338 in expenses for five months work on the case.

He also received \$32,000 in compensation for such things as medical bills.

Mr DeLorean, facing nine drug charges, is accused of conspiring to import 220lb of cocaine, estimated by the prosecution to have a street value of \$24m.



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THE ARTS

Eleven years ago about 50 square feet of fibrous plasterwork fell from the ceiling of the Shaftesbury Theatre into the stalls. Two owners and a Grade 2 listing later its future looks reasonably secure as the home of Ray Cooney's *Theatre of Comedy*. But it was a close call.

Such individual success stories combined with the demise of the more horrifically radical schemes for redeveloping the centre of London have, however, produced a false sense of security. The battles to justify and save the West End's vast range of commercial theatres are assumed to have been won. Furthermore, when the current boom in ticket sales is contrasted with last year's disastrous performance, as one theatre after another went dark, then the industry might be taken to be on the upturn.

In fact the structure of West End theatre is now more under threat than ever before. The tickets boom is a tiny bonus which does nothing to alter the impossible economics nowadays of operating a commercial theatre. Meanwhile the pressure for redevelopment is increasing and the fabric of the theatres, most of which were built between 1885 and 1915, is decaying.

First, however, there are two potentially positive developments. Today sees the publication by the Arts Council of *The Turn of Dance? A Feasibility Study Towards the Establishment of a National Dance House* by John Drummond and Nicholas Thompson. It will recommend a purpose-built dance theatre or, failing that, the conversion of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. Mr Drummond has privately told the Council that he knows full well that Drury Lane is the only



PLACED THE BOOM

sections option. That means opening negotiations with the Stoll Moss group and its ultimate boss Robert Holmes a'Court. Stoll Moss has, in the case of the Coliseum, arrived at a deal involving commercial ownership of the home of a subsidized company, but a repetition of that formula is unlikely – neither side is happy with the arrangement.

Then there is the impending dissolution of the Greater London Council. The GLC is the freeholder of the Garrick, the Lyceum (still viewed by many as a theatre to be reclaimed), most of the Lyric and Wilton's Music Hall as well as the Young Vic and the National. The

Today's publication of an Arts Council study on a home for dance in London serves also to highlight the perilous position of all the capital's theatres: Bryan Appleyard reports

When the ceiling falls in

The Cambridge: not architecturally significant, so should it be saved just because it is a theatre?

logical move is for the fully commercial theatres to be transferred to the Theatres Trust. This was set up in 1976 but has never been able to fulfil its function to be a theatre owner and protector with real power. It has acted solely as an advisory body.

Now, however, enlightened opinion within the GLC has realized that this may be a golden opportunity to mobilize the trust to take a handful of significant freeholders with the always risky commercial market.

Both the implementation of such a GLC move and the Drummond recommendations would represent solutions in those limited cases. But the rest of the picture is infinitely more complex. The first problem is the ownership structure itself. The broad pattern of effective ownership is clear enough: Stoll Moss and Wyndhams (a subsidiary of Associated Newspapers) are the two primary groups and the rest are divided between a variety of smaller groups and individual owners. But the precise pattern of ultimate freehold ownership almost defies analysis. Head leases and sub-leases

produce an elaborate web which the Trust gamely tries to map.

What is clear, however, is that these freeholds change hands with disturbing regularity. At a GLC meeting on the future of West End theatre held in March it was said that eight theatres were on the market. More significantly they were on the market at "hope value" rather than real value. In other words the freeholders were asking prices that assumed that one day the sites would be available for redevelopment.

This brings us to the heart of the threat to the theatres. Freeholds are held by companies who know perfectly well that they would rise in value 10 or 20 times if they could redevelop. With small theatres changing hands as theatres at £450,000 and larger ones up to £1m, it is clear that the stakes, once the redevelopment multiplier effect is applied, become very big indeed. An incident like the ceiling collapse at the Shaftesbury is crucial precisely because it highlights the gulf between the cost of a full repair and the actual commercial value of the

theatre. And, once that appears on the freeholder's accounts, then all the paraphernalia of the planning process and the conservation lobby can prove helpless.

For the sad fact is that revenue even from a profitable theatre is highly unlikely to come anywhere near covering the kind of large-scale repair and maintenance work which most of the buildings are bound to need over the next few years. The equation simply does not work.

For an industry which has proved historically incapable of thinking in the long term, or even of regarding itself as a coherent industry, this is an appalling problem. It has rightly realized that the worst enemies of all the theatres are dark houses and strenuous efforts are being made to promote the West End as a whole. But it is clear that the traditional short-term solution – a bit swap – is no longer enough. Over the years a higher and higher proportion of the West End's seats have been sold to tourists and their patronage can vanish with the vagaries of the foreign exchange market. The current boom has as much to do



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with the condition of the pound as with any creative revitalization.

The underlying economics can only, finally, be changed by some form of subsidy. This could involve a maintenance and repair trust or it could borrow the Paris scheme whereby a box office levy is raised which is then matched by central government funds. The latter would sugar the pill ideologically for the present Government, which may, in any case, accept the arguments for the theatres on the basis of their generation of beneficial economic fall-out.

But even that only removes the immediate pressure. One view is that such a scheme should also be backed up by a firm pronouncement from the Department of the Environment that theatre developments will specifically be resisted, a move that would take the heat out of the "hope valuations" currently being made. But that is thought to be impossible and, given that no mechanism for removing theatrical freeholds entirely from the market place seems likely to emerge, the battles against redevelopment will just have to be fought one by one.

Among the theatres' defenders there are two approaches. One is by the blood-and-thunder school who will fight for every theatre, no matter what, on the basis that it is the intensity and multiplicity of theatrical life in London which makes the West End work at all. The key figure on this side is John Earl of GLC's Historic Buildings Department. Secondly there are the compromisers like Iain Mackintosh of Theatre Projects who want to see appropriate office developments, if necessary on top of theatres as at the Playhouse, Charing Cross, to endow the theatres permanently. In addition they accept that some theatres may not be savable and should be replaced.

In the immediate future the three most obviously threatened theatres are the Fortune, the Astoria and the Cambridge. Since none is architecturally significant the issue would be remarkably straightforward – should they be saved just because they are theatres?

But such small-scale campaigns may, in the event, prove harder to mount than, for example, the great communal uprising which prevented the redevelopment of Covent Garden. That battle, which saved no fewer than 70 theatres, was fought not only on environmental grounds but also in resistance to the belief that live theatre was an art condemned to an inevitable contraction. But the war has still to be won and the theatre conservationists know full well that it could be lost as a result of a long series of skirmishes. One element of the final outcome is, however, quite clear to everybody: there will never again be any such thing as a completely unsubsidized, fully commercial theatre.

Theatre

Pygmalion Shaftesbury

Great musical as it may be, *My Fair Lady* has much to answer for in having kept Shaw's best comedy out of the theatre for many a long year; and I guess there will be many customers avid for a return to Wimpole Street and a full account of the Eliza-Higgins relationship uninterrupted by song, cues or detours to Ascot.

However, I can offer this revival no more than a qualified welcome. Bearing the marks of a prestige event in the Theatre of Comedy repertory, it runs to names like Joyce Carey and Barbara Murray in the supporting parts and to a series of grand, spacious settings by Douglas Heap, who also includes any amount of valuable period properties for Higgins to demolish. But, like the crowd of pearly kings shoe-horned into the overflowing foyer, Ray Cooney's production betrays a heavy touch. It opens with much shouting from the Eynesford Hills, and a crowd of bystanders semaphoring their Cockney gestures like an opera chorus; and throughout the evening the performance tends to coagulate around punchlines, physical business and anti-climaxes.

The reason for much of this can be summed up in two words: Peter O'Toole. So far as physical appearance and temperamental range go, it is hard to think of anyone better equipped to play Higgins. He has the lean, leathery elegance; the arrogance, the comic ability to switch like lightning between triumph and humiliation; and between adult egocentrism and little-boy charm.

As Shaw wrote him, though, Higgins also has an interest in phonetics, and there is precious little sign of the obsessed research scientist in O'Toole's linguistic Svengali. At the idea of transforming Eliza into a



Donald Cooper

Sustained combative comedy: Jackie Smith-Wood, Peter O'Toole

duchess, he goes through a melodramatic trance, like Frankenstein in the laboratory; and once this idea is implanted his appearance increasingly raises the spectre of Henry Irving and the race of anti-intellectual actor-managers who flourished before Shaw arrived on the scene.

Higgins's justification, and the factor that always entitles him to some shred of sympathy, is that he is too wrapped up in his work to spare time for people. Lacking this justification, O'Toole's sadistic teasing

Dolittle, an aggressive master of the Shavian tirade, at whose dictation on middle-class morality even O'Toole edits himself elegantly into the background. So far as Jackie Smith-Wood's Eliza is concerned, it is a longer battle.

In their early scenes, with

O'Toole constantly on the eye-catching move, and taking physical boldness in a manner to arouse the worst fears of Mrs Pearce (Miss Murray), she is in danger of becoming yet another feed character. In the party scene, she remains inconclus-

ive, beginning with splendidly measured gentilities and then, fatally, accelerating once she gets down to the gin and ham.

But after the night of the great party, she finally digs her heels in, and in their last scenes together they are playing as equals.

For sustained combative comedy, there is nothing more thrilling and illuminating anywhere in Shaw, and this performance does it justice.

Irving Wardle

Concert

Philharmonia/ Sinopoli Festival Hall

Whatever else may happen, the Philharmonia are going to be living dangerously with their new principal conductor Giuseppe Sinopoli. They began on Tuesday by dying dangerously with him. Verdi's Requiem was the work a bold choice for a man taking over an orchestra with memories of performing this piece under other Italian star conductors, Muti and Giulini, and a risky choice for one who does not need the last trump to make him urgent and dynamic. Indeed the risk was too much, as was this performance, and a work that re-

sponded all too well to Mr Sinopoli's style ended in caricature it.

Take the start of the "Confutatis maledictis", where Verdi throws down two orchestral "curves" to punctuate the bass solo. Mr Sinopoli had those so leadenly coloured and emphatic, so groaning with the sounds of low clarinets, bassoons and horn, that the gesture appeared simply absurd. Or take the recurrent "Dies irae" music. It is all very well to have this creating a thunderstorm or two in the air above the concert hall; it is even all right if one is reminded of Verdi in *Aida*-triumph mood. But it is a different matter if the orchestra is so shriekingly loud that the voices can make only a minuscule contribution, and it is a different matter, too, if the tempo is so thumpingly sustained that one fully expects trumpeters, priests and course elephants to proceed across the platform.

Mr Sinopoli's lack of rhythmic subtlety, which made much of the work a sequence of marches and gavottes, would seem to spring from fear of textual disintegration. Here it

was a fear well justified. Since two of the soloists, Florence Quivar and Veriano Luehetti, were last-minute substitutes there was some reason for the solo quartet being so alarmingly unsteady in ensemble and heterogeneous in sound: as in a salad dressing left to stand, there was little contact between the mustard oil of Miss Quivar and the salted vinegar of Mr Luehetti. But there was no similar excuse for the three flutes in the "Agnus Dei" to sound as if they had never met before – no excuse, that is, other than Mr Sinopoli's fierce smoothness and blend.

In Mahler, even in Schumann and just possibly even in Schubert, Mr Sinopoli has proved that going against the music's grain can produce exciting results. But in Verdi the grain is less strongly defined and if there is no feeling for harmony not only as chordal weight but also as propulsive force then the music will stagnate. Hence the tight discipline and the huge emphasis as devices which are aimed at countering that tendency, but which in fact only draw attention to why they are necessary. At times when this did not sound like John Phillip Sousa's interpretation of the Verdi Requiem it sounded like Stravinsky, except that Stravinsky created a work of his own (*the Requiem*) out of his misunderstanding, whereas Mr Sinopoli created only confusion and noise.

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Paul Griffiths

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Ingvil Wixell returns to his swaying Beleño of 1976, in splendidly focused control, and with a prancing, rumbustious dignity all his own. Cathryn Pope as Gianetta makes a memorable house debut, as does Gabriele Bellini in the pit, as yet a little cautious, overawed, perhaps, by a consciousness of who is really in charge.

Hilary Finch

Television

Toms and queens go out to play

Attitudes to feral cats vary. Some regard them as a suitable case for compulsory welfare; others as a pest. BBC's QED acknowledged this divergence of opinion before taking us on *A Walk on the Wild Side* with biologist Roger Tabor last night.

Old ladies, on the whole, appear to be long-suffering and kind to the feral ones, taking them supplies and presumably making them less independent and also less likely to depart.

Some councils worry about them. Foremost among these is that one where social concern is well known to be finely honed: Islington. It has a society, SNIP (Society for the Neutering of Islington Pussies), and a council cat-catcher. Both pursue a kind of cat-capping, doctoring the animals and returning them to site. The cat-trapper's name is Joy. She said her work was rather exciting.

Immense activity in the feral field in Islington last year

resulted in 200 cats being neutered. They return apparently less wild though possibly inwardly seething, their reproductive life over with their vocal organs, maybe more mournfully pitched, intact. Ultimately cat-capping would see an end to their communities, though Mr Tabor seemed to think concern about community growth misplaced.

Some do not have over niceties. One factory put out a contract to the ferals after a complaint from a union. In came Melvin Driver, professional cat-catcher and putter-down, with technological traps and lots of chloroform. He seemed a kindly man. One wonders how many ratepayers from Islington and much more ruthless boroughs will be trying to get his number this morning.

Dennis Hackett

Dance

Kibbutz Dance The Place

Centrepiece of London Contemporary Dance Theatre's first programme for their season which opened on Tuesday is the London premiere of Siobhan Davies's latest ballet, *New Galileo*.

The theme seems to be exploration, breaking frontiers, the clarity a new perspective gives. The attractive score is a piano piece by John Adams.

The curtain rises on a handsome setting by David Buckland and Peter Mumford, with three dimly-seen pictures on the backdrop and a single dancer, Jonathan Lunn, standing with his sticks and setting them, with premonitorily aggressive bangs, into a rough ring. But the odd man out (Zichri Dagan) soon finds himself challenged and leased by a sadistic persecutor (Shlomo Zaga). He is left for dead, maimed by a lone woman (Efrat Livni) while the others continue their games. There are what may be a resurrection, further struggles and finally a transfiguration.

The movement is as unusual as the drama: sudden thrusts into the air that may precipitate a woman from the arms of one partner to another; balances sustained by taking each other's weight across the thighs; bodies pulled along by beats thrust into armpits. The sticks become almost participants in the action, and music by Arne Nordheim enters surreptitiously

as seaweed moved by the tide – no less but no more.

Heda Oren's *Once Upon a Time*, however, is an entertaining piece, set to a mixture of Vivaldi (instrumental and vocal) and percussion both military and jazzy. Crazy things happen, like the men summing the women's legs as if playing instruments, and there is much lively movement, but some sadness too in a solo for Mike Levine after losing his girl to a newcomer.

John Percival

Royal Opera House

CANCELLATION OF A Midsummer Night's Dream Thursday 17 May

The Management of the Royal Opera House regrets to have to announce the cancellation of the final performance by The Royal Opera of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* scheduled for Thursday 17th May. This is to provide much-needed technical time on stage for the forthcoming new production of *Aida* which was lost over the weekend when stage technicians did not respond to an overtime call.

The Management apologises for the disappointment and inconvenience caused by this cancellation.

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Return of the angry old Turk

The Times Profile: Kingsley Amis

There are serious comparisons to be made between the work and career of Kingsley Amis and that of the greatest of all our British modern comic novelists, Evelyn Waugh – and they say something about the role of the comic Bad Man of English letters. Both began as radical, spectacular, even courageous young Turks writing novels for their own generation – Waugh with *Decline and Fall*, still one of his best, and Amis with *Lucky Jim*, still one of his. They were both freshly-formed books dealing with a world where values, mores and social relations had been changed by a recent war. And they signalled to the young that ways of thinking and writing about society had to be different, and that the cleaving comic vision had something to do with it.

Both came to look very different in later career. Waugh, who started as a original modern black humorist, died at 62 a Roman Catholic conservative for whom the modern itself was anathema. Amis at 62 is very much alive, ebullient and clubbable, though he has a well-known spleenetic edge that cannot be missed in his political observations, social life, or recent writing. The author who started off as an undergraduate communist at St John's, Oxford, in 1941 ("the only party I ever joined"), and declared himself a probable lifetime Labour voter in his Fabian pamphlet *Socialism and the Intellectuals* in

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1957, now describes himself as a non-wet Tory with a few liberal bits (on abortion, hanging and homosexuality). He has little time for socialism or the intellectuals, and is a well-known scourge of such extraordinary things as Modernism.

Waugh made his living by writing, did his army late, and in effect declined the postwar world. Amis had his war early, catching it in his short stories, and was the postwar world. In 1949 he became a lecturer in English at the University College of Swansea, made his first mark as poet, critic, and charismatic, arrogant, very funny lecturer, and moved on to a fellowship at Peterhouse, Cambridge. Then in 1963, when he was changing wives, and probably values too, he broke with it, amicably enough, to live as a successful writer. He is an honorary fellow of his old Oxford college, but very much a London writer, and a social comic personality.

For both men acquired complex: very English comic poses which had something to do with clubbability, and the club. If one is not too fond of intellectuals, in a society that certainly isn't, one might, if possible be the gentleman-artist. Waugh was a particular master of this. Edmund Wilson once said his literary method was a version of Jowett's advice to gentlemen "Never apologize, never explain." Writing needed no moral or intellectual explanation, and prejudice formed worthy values. Amis, like Waugh, values stylish prejudice, and like Waugh, has a taste for heroes who are self-confessed shits, assuming it's what you like that does you good, and you may have to be a bit nasty to get it.



Kingsley Amis: the angry young man at 62

So *Lucky Jim* was both a very contemporary novel and one that led back into classical traditions of the English social and moral novel. That became very clear after Amis won the Somerset Maugham Travelling prize (ironically enough, for Maugham had dismissed the so-called "angries" as "scum") and found that the price was that you had to go abroad. This is the fate suffered by Garrett Bowen, in *I Like It Here* (1958), who goes to Portugal, and meets expatriate writers of the worst kind, who talk experimentally in long sentences. All is lost until he finds in Lisbon the grave of Henry Fielding – the great eighteenth-century writer who says the book showed fiction could uphold "a moral seriousness that could be made apparent without evangelical puffing and blarng."

Amis now began to look like a more traditional comic writer, liking it "here," in postwar Britain, and

sustaining in modern form the longstanding social tradition of British fiction. Take *A Girl Like You* (1968) and *Girl, 20* (1971) are still notable portraits of changing sexual mores, emotional relationships, and new social types. But his male heroes become more caricatured around by their own desires and certainties; meanwhile, the world outside seems to change beyond their comprehension, and not for the better. Amis appeared to resolve some of his problems of social representation by moving toward attempts at genre fiction: extending James Bond's adventures in the not-very-successful *Colonel Sun* (1968), or exploring his sci-fi interests in his "future fictions," *The Alteration* (1976) and *Russian-Hide-and-Seek* (1980).

But he is not always cunning with plot, and he holds, as if for protection, within traditional forms and types of characterization. Yet there was that cunning vernacular,

version of that growingly powerful Amis figure, the male shit-hero, but it is also about the forging of a modern commonsense romanticism. Above all, though, the book had that deft, vernacular precision about current social relations that now looked like Amis's best gift.

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Don McCullin

1922 Born the only child of a South London cleric; scholarship to City of London School and then to St John's, Oxford.
1942 Joined the Royal Signals; left as a lieutenant in 1945.
1945 Married for the first time to Hilary Bardwell; subsequently two sons and a daughter born. Eldest son Martin is a novelist and journalist.
1949 Appointed lecturer in English at Swanscombe University.
1953 First volume of verse, *A Frame of Mind*.
1954 First novel, *Lucky Jim* won Somerset Maugham Award, An irreverent stab at society that put him in the Angry Young Men camp, and on the Best Seller lists.
1955 *That Uncertain Feeling*.
1960 *Take a Girl Like You*.
1963 *One Fat Englishman*.
1965 Married second novelist Elizabeth Jane Howard.
1970 *What Became of Jane Austen*, critical essay.
1972 Edited selected stories of G. K. Chesterton.
1975 *Rudyard Kipling and His World*.
1978 *Jake's Thing*.
Edited *New Oxford Book of Light Verse*.
1979 *Collected Poems 1944-79*.
1980 *Russian Hide-and-Seek*.
Awarded CBE.
1981 Edited *The Golden Age of Science Fiction*.
1983 Parted from his wife.
1984 Started editing poetry column in *Daily Mirror*.

that subtle social voicing, that gave clarity and fineness to his work. And it was always at its best when it seemed driven by some powerful inner charge, by some sense of movement, that both enraged and troubled the reader. *Ending Up* distributed, bringing to clarity a haunting sense of human mortality than Amis had expressed before. And *Jake's Thing* troubled to another way, with its integrated sense of the falsehood of sexual relations.

Stanley and the Women will trouble even more. Amis accepts that, while reminding us that a book never says everything its author thinks. It is very well written, and deals with deeply troubling things, which suddenly assault the life of the central character. Stanley Duke, an advertising manager for a tabloid newspaper. Married twice, part of Amis's late life world where the males stupefy themselves with drink to avoid being sexually possessed by their women, Stanley is suddenly confronted with the madness of his teenage son, who thinks he is being watched by cosmic forces. Amis has researched this madness with some care, and the portrait is delicate and compelling. It is also anti-Laiingam: for it is when the treatment moves from chemo-therapy into the hands of a woman psychologist that Stanley finds himself in the role of male victim.

Stanley and the Women is not nice, and in some fundamental sense not exactly humane. These lost relationships can be read in reverse, as due consequence of the life of the Amis shit-hero, encased in his maleness. Yet it is human; and like forceful tragedy it takes us, quarreling, into the pain it clearly feels. Amis, like Waugh, is in some ways an enclosed, caged-off novelist: His now sixteen novels along with his poetry, stories and essays, trace the curve of a career that began in comic buoyancy and now is scarred with something else. Yet there is no mistaking the power of this long dark comedy.

Malcolm Bradbury

Stanley and the Women is published by Hutchinson on May 21, price £8.95.

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Miles Kington

"The Soviets had reason to worry about Olympic defectors. Los Angeles, as Soviet citizens know, means Hollywood glamour: consumer goods ranging from Ferraris on Sunset Boulevard to black lace scanties in shop windows, walking in the stars' footsteps on the sidewalk outside Sid Grauman's Chinese Theater, beautiful dachas in Beverly Hills, and scores of fast-food outlets. How are you going to keep them down on the collective farm, once they've seen Hollywood?" (Arnold Beichman, in the *Los Angeles Times*.)

The scene is the Russian consulate in Los Angeles, a little-known outpost of the Russian empire. Boris, the consul, is moodily studying a pair of black lace scanties. He quickly puts them back in a drawer when the door opens and Brad enters.

Brad: Hi. You the Russian consul?

Boris: Maybe I am, maybe I'm not. If it's about getting out of Afghanistan, I definitely am not.

Brad: No, no, you can have Afghanistan. I've come about asking for asylum in Soviet Russia.

Boris: This is a little unusual. In fact, this is very unusual. I would go so far as to say that we do not have machinery for offering asylum in Russia. In the same way, East German soldiers do not have instructions about what to do if they see someone climbing the Berlin Wall from West Berlin.

Brad: Yeah, well, I wasn't thinking about climbing the wall. I just want to get to Russia.

Boris: May I ask why you want to go? Why should you want to leave wonderful Los Angeles?

Brad: Oh come on, Boris! OK if I call you Boris by the way?

Boris: How do you know my name?

Brad: It's on your door. Look you know and I know that Los Angeles is the pits. What has it got?

Boris: Hollywood glamour?

Brad: Boris, Boris. You call being run down by Italian sports cars in Sunset Boulevard glamour?

Boris: (defensively) I have had very good hamburgers here.

Brad: And now, to crown it all, the Olympics are coming! I've got to get out!

Boris: Life in Russia is not always easy.

Brad: I've had the easy life all my life and it's killing me. I need a change. And when I heard that the Russians were refusing to come to LA, I thought they're the people for me! I've heard so much about your corrective farms...

Boris: Collective farms.

Brad: And nice old-fashioned cars, and good plain underwear, and your restaurants... what's the service like in your restaurants?

Boris: Good. Not bad. Not good. Slow. Very slow.

Brad: A slow-food outlet! Great! It's a whole different attitude to life. Can you fix me six months on a collective farm?

Boris: No, no, let's talk.

Brad: That's better.

Boris: But first, perhaps you can tell me something. (*He pulls the lace scanties out of the drawer.*) What are these for?

Brad: I've no idea. I've only seen them in shop windows. Don't you have them in Russia?

Boris: No.

Brad: Boy, this really is the country for me! Now, let's get down to business.

Improving lines on the face of TV



TV Times: watching an old 405-line set from the Fifties and (right) the present and future formats

discern the line structure from five feet away," he says. HDTV supporters say that, coupled with a more oblong screen, advances in noise reduction, digital recording equipment and stereo sound, the system could give home

passing judgment. At the moment, Sony does not have one HDTV set in the country, and does not expect to deliver to any customer for at least another year. The price for a camera, the two requisite video recorders, and a large screen will be more than £550,000. Business and medical users are likely to be early buyers, and so, says Sony's UK deputy managing director, Stuart Sansom, are those involved in defence projects.

How long it will take the 1,125-line HDTV screen to reach the domestic living room is another matter. The technology involved is complex and expensive. HDTV's principal goal to quality comes through increasing the number of screen lines, but it also incorporates a host of features to improve the picture and sound signal.

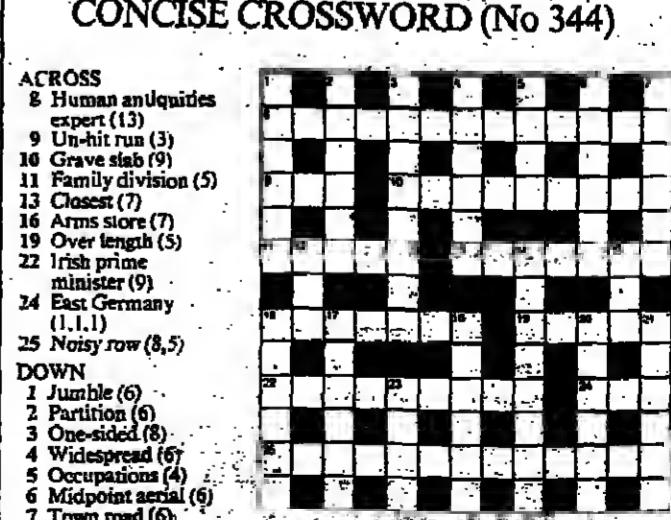
David Hewson

Satellite broadcast would be instantly available

Such sophistication inevitably means a wider signal than that of today's television. To relay the necessary information in a conventional way requires a broadcasting band width of 30MHz compared with 8MHz on a 625-line mono television satellite signal. On that basis, Unisat, the system chosen by the Government for the BBC project, would be hard pressed to carry one HDTV channel, though it could transmit three of today's.

But companies and research units throughout the world are trying to compress the signal to around 8MHz, and are optimistic that they will do so by 1987.

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BOOKS

A story of how a work of art was brought to life

The sense that, whatever misfortune or injustice she suffered, she would never be able successfully to explain her case - this was something she appears to have acquired early and never to have lost. She believed that "persecution maniacs" have always been the victims of real persecution - and usually still are. Society - particularly British society - was cruel and hypocritical. "Everybody's trying to hurt first, to get in the dig that will make him or her feel superior, feel triumph." The stale atmosphere of bad hotels and lodging houses remained forever in her lungs. Tough luck pursued her like a vindictive ladybird.

So it is hardly surprising that, when the actress Selma Vaz Dias rediscovered and broadcast the work of Jean Rhys, there was a nasty neighbour on hand to spoil some of the fun:

My bitter enemy next door is now telling everyone very loud and clear that I'm an imbecile, a neurotic, a dead writer called Jean Rhys. She accused me of every crime in the calendar, and added through dog Zenophobie? What's that? From adultery to Zenophobia...

And she begins to contemplate how she would succeed in proving her identity.

I suppose that if you have worked hard for success as a writer, achieving little recognition beyond a small circle, and if you then spend many years missing-presumed-dead, and are finally accused of impersonation, you do feel impelled to fight like a cat for your identity. Here she is again in a happier mood:

I don't know why Miss Smith & Co thought I was dead. It does seem more fitting I know, but life is never near and tidy. I feel a bit like poor old Raspoutine, who was poisoned, stabbed in the front and shot in the back but was still alive kicking and crowing when flung in the snow...

The point is lightly made but seriously meant. She had indeed suffered many blows and she was

James Fenton on the letters behind the book

JEAN RHYS LETTERS 1931-1966
Edited by Francis Wyndham and Diana Mells
Andre Deutsch £9.95

believed by many to be either bad or mad.

Thus, when she slaps a neighbour's face and is had up for assault, the court sends her for five days to the hospital of Holloway prison to find out whether she is potty or not. (She has cried a lot in court). At the same time (this is 1950) and she is approaching the age of 60) her third husband Max Hamer is becoming involved with crooks in the solicitor's office where he works. But she can tell anyone or get help from the family because nobody will believe her. Max is not, she says, a bad hat. He's potty. The trouble is, she looks potty. There's nothing to do except turn to drink: "I went all of a doodah." Max goes to jail. She contemplates leaving him but cannot help supporting him. And for the rest of this volume this is what is to the best of her ability, she does, while at the same time trying desperately to write *Wide Sargasso Sea*. Max's health fails. His illness hopelessly interrupts her writing.

Years of penury and petty difficulties might make for trying reading but there is no general bitterness in this book. Not in the sense of envious bitterness. She likes recognition when she gets it - it hooks her up on end. But she does not seem to have considered it her right. She is not envious of more successful novelists - her literary judgments are



The young woman who grew, with pain and grief and humour, into a great writer

generous and objective. Recognition is like money and she loves money in a very straightforward way. But she has no idea how to acquire either recognition or money except by writing a very good book indeed. Her integrity as an artist is never in question.

Of those whose recognition kept that integrity on the rails, Selma Vaz Dias is the first to be mentioned. She was it who resurrected the pre-war novels and adapted them for radio.

performing them herself. "Her nature," the editors say, "was dominating, possessive and touchy. As her friendship with Jean progressed these qualities became increasingly obtrusive and were eventually to verge on paranoïa". A tough judgement in few words, which even so hardly prepares us for the discovery late in the volume that Selma got Jean to sign a contract making over 50 per cent of the performing rights on all her works and giving her sole artistic

control over all adaptations. This scandalous contract was eventually modified, but the heirs of Selma still receive a large proportion of Jean's posthumous earnings.

Francis Wyndham and Diana Mells at Andre Deutsch become progressively the heroes of the book (and not through any self-advertisement either - the book is scupulously edited by Mr Wyndham and Mrs Mells). It takes a little effort of the imagination to see that the project



they were supporting throughout these years was not the famous novel we all know and like but an unknown quality. The best to be hoped for was a late flowering by a completely unknown lady. Mr Wyndham continued his interest in book and author after leaving Deutsch, and seems, like Miss Athill, to have been supportive, patient, critical and practical. Miss Athill sends down a secretary to get the whole thing down from dictation. Mr Wyndham on receipt of a deranged letter sends a cheque for £100 with advice to take a holiday.

During this last period she is living in Devon, in a small cottage owned by her brother in Cheltenham Fitz-Paine. As with all her living arrangements, this one begins auspiciously and turns into a nightmare. To this period, a phrase recurs in her letters which, as well as anything, sums up her attitude to life and to her writing. She dictates, she says, penny-in-the-slot thoughts and actions. If she lives, she will call her next book *There is no penny and there is no slot*. She tries to tell Selma that writing is not easy, but she feels she cannot convince her. And as she repeats to Mr Wyndham:

There is no penny, no slot. Not thousands of pounds could work that slot if it existed. There is only trying to make something out of nothing. (Except of course dishbelieve in oneself and failure and emptiness. And above all wanting for the time when all that does not count.)

But in the end the book gets finished, and on the day of Max's cremation she writes to Miss Athill:

I feel that I've been walking a tight-rope for a long time and have finally fallen off. I can't believe that I am so alone, and there is no slot. I've dreamt several times that I was going to have a baby - when woke with relief. Finally I dreamt that I was looking at the baby in a cradle - such a tiny weak thing. So the book must be finished and that must be what I think about it really. I don't dream about it any more.

Old pro recorded at work

John Higgins

INTERVIEWS AND ENCOUNTERS WITH VERDI

Edited, introduced and annotated by Marcello Conati
Translated by Richard Stroker
Guitane, £20

Was Giuseppe Verdi really the Bear of Busseto, ready to snarl at, and even nail, anyone who dared penetrate his country retreat? The majority of those who were allowed in for the first time, quite often through an introduction from his publisher, Ricordi, or from the librarians of his last two operas, Arrigo Boito, found the most civil and welcoming of bears. De Lautier, one of Verdi's most fervent supporters in France, describes him as a mixture of child and patriarch: "a patriarch before his time, a child with a grey beard".

Indeed none of the encounters in Marcello Conati's engrossing collection ends in a snarling, although there is a certain smugness on the part of some visitors that they managed to tame the bear. The truth surely was that Verdi had little taste for socializing. He believed in conserving his strength by resting early, sleeping well, often at dawn, and breathing in the country air whenever possible. Liszt liked to be lionized. Verdi preferred to get on and write operas. And how right he was not to waste his time on purveyors of rumour. gossip is proved by a "rasmou", such as that by Caterino Mazzoni, which is pure inflated nonsense. The admiration Verdi rightly deserved was spontaneous outbursts from the populace: the peasants in the fields suddenly erupting into the Act III chorus from *Lombardi* as Verdi passed by, recorded by a German visitor, or an impromptu demonstration of affection by the crowd at Lurin station near the end of his life when he was returning from a *Falstaff* in Paris.

Beyond such vignettes lies valuable information on Verdi at work, both at home and in the theatre, especially on his last two operas. If there is a fault in Conati's collection then it is the concentration on the final years to the exclusion of the middle-aged Verdi. But it is there when the bear really was a patriarch, presumably, that the best material lies and Conati has certainly cast his net far and wide. The editing is scrupulous, the annotations most scholarly, and the presentation of each author admirable - sometimes more admirable than the words that follow. The book is in every way worthy to go alongside the same author's *Verdi Companion*. It is essential for all Verdi fans.

● *Opera, A Theatrical History* (*Golconde*, £2.95), Richard Traumher's book is one by an enthusiast for enthusiasts. Not much criticism here of a genre that could occasionally do with a little self-examination. The prose may gush a bit, but the illustrations are fascinating.

Mum's the word makes a safe DG but a dull book

Why do people write memoirs? "Yours is an extraordinary story," a friend encouraged Ian Trehowen in time-honoured fashion. "How someone of your background could be Director-General of the BBC. You really should write about it, show how it all happened." So he did a pardonable vanity. The trouble is he hasn't told very much about how anything happened.

Why do people read memoirs? Either, I would suggest, because the writer is able, by his self-knowledge and self-exposure in no matter what calling, to shed some unique light on universal experience, or because he has taken part in shaping historic events and has something to say about them. The first type might properly be termed autobiography, the second memoirs. Ian Trehowen's book though shrewd, balanced and elegant as anyone

who remembers his political reporting would expect, falls short of the two, and some way short of either.

Though he begins dutifully with his childhood (middle-middle-class Home Counties suburbia) and schooling (Christ's Hospital) this is not truly an autobiography. He traces the steps of his professional career, but his private life is totally excluded till the final pages. There is no self-revelation: and there is really nothing very extraordinary about his rise, which he attributes, characteristically, to luck.

From junior reporter (£1 a week plus bicycle allowance) on the *Eastern Daily Press* and the *Yorkshire Post* he became lobby correspondent of the latter, then political correspondent of the old *News Chronicle*, newspaper

There is a sonnet by Keats which celebrates "calmest thoughts" and which concludes with three images emblematic of such thoughts -

the gradual sand that through an hour-glass runs, / A woodwind riveder, - a Poet's death.

I have always supposed that Keats had his own anticipated death in mind, or perhaps the suicide of Chatterton a generation before. Be that as it may, there is something memorable in the idea that a poet's death has a special power not so much to move and disturb, as to calm the mind and make it concentrate. It is a thought close to the spirit of *A Celebration of and for Frances Horovitz 1938-1983* (New Departures 16, Piedmont, Bistley, near Stroud, Glos GL2 7BU, £2 plus 50p postage and packing).

Frances Horovitz was a poet and an exceptionally fine and sensitive reader of other people's poetry - many who never met her must have known her voice from broadcasts on the radio. She died last autumn of cancer, at the early age of 45. This small book has been put together by her former husband, Michael Horovitz, the veteran enfant terrible. It consists of 30 uncollected poems by Frances herself, plus elegies and tributes by several of her friends, the whole being illustrated with family photographs. The result is beautiful and touching, a labour of love. I like especially the lively simplicity and freshness of her Snow poem:

Minor, major, next Laureate?

POETRY

Robert Nye



Death of a poet

green sky,
rose glow
off Christmas-white fields:
woods bowed in ermine;
the frostiest stem snow-furred;
berries bare their slow fire;
the robin too
dances flame
wants through windows

Of course this is minor poetry, and Frances Horovitz would not have wanted us to pretend otherwise. But it seems to me authentic, the work of a gifted woman who responded poetically to life, and who - as the final poems show - faced the prospect of her own death with much courage.

● When Ronald Bottrell was young he was praised to the skies by Leavis. Since then - and maybe as a result? - he seems to have been ignorantly ignored by everyone else. Now,

John Campbell

SPLIT SCREEN
By Ian Trehowen
Hamish Hamilton, £12

and then political editor in the early days of ITN, he switched to the BBC to do Current Affairs programmes in 1963 and moved swiftly up the ladder - Managing Director, Radio; Managing Director, Television; DG in 1977. His greatest attribute - ooe can only guess from this account - was a safe pair of hands.

From his days as a lobby correspondent, Ian Trehowen has not lost the habit of discretion. The bulk of his book is taken up with a record of events long past and politicians mostly dead (Butler, Maude, Macleod,

Love and all that in Saganland, Belfast, Ohio

FICTION
Nicholas Shakespeare

THE STILL STORM
By Francois Sagan
W. H. Allen, £8.95

TO STAY ALIVE
By Linda Anderson
Bodley Head, £7.95

DURING THE REIGN OF THE QUEEN OF PERSIA
By Joan Chase
Virago, £8.95

brings some pathetic corpse to light. Everyone has complicity in the death. From the Old Testament faces of the Catholic community, cherishing grudges from the past - 800 years of it - to the British soldiers who only focus on these people through a rifle sight. Dan, a medical student and Rosaleen, his wife, are a young couple caught in no-man's-land. Linda Anderson explores how each, through no wish of their own, is propelled into opposing camps - Dan into helping the IRA, Rosaleen into taking a lover from the army. Her clipped, tense prose works best in conveying how, in the sour alleys of Belfast, disgust at everything, most of all oneself, becomes "a pleasure and an absolution." It is less successful in sustaining what should be the story of just two people. A cocktail caught in her own mirror, she seems transfixed with horror not only by the violence she describes, but by her very real ability to describe it. This horror results first in cold-footed hesitation on first meeting her soldier, Rosaleen is seduced in a cemetery - only to forget the episode completely. Then is a panic-stricken attempt to explain all sides of the story by wheeling on many more characters.

This is rather what Joan Chase does - in a more leisurely way - during the course of her first novel about life on the flowing prairies. Set on a farm in Ohio, it looks at three generations of women (too many) through the inquisitive eyes of four young cousins. Joan Chase writes wholemeal prose and she writes it with energy. By the end though, sated with the taste of yoghurt, and wheatgerm and sunflower seed, I felt it was the energy of a cow in a health-food shop.

● Another spectacular and heartening late flowering has been that of Gavin Ewart, now firmly re-established as the wittiest and wickedest living writer of light verse in English. The Ewart Quarto (*Hutchinson, £3.95*) ranges from ballads and haikus and love songs to a Pindaric Ode on the Third Test played at Headingley between England and Australia in 1981. It is all light-hearted and ingenious, and some of it is splendidly filthy. May the poetry critic of *The Times* express the hope that Ewart will be appointed the next Poet Laureate? He would, after all, restore to that office some of the true poetic importance of being Court Jester.

When the towers of Folly fall

Philip Howard

THE MARCH OF FOOLY
By Barbara W. Tuchman
Michael Joseph, £14.95

The events are dealt with in ascending order of length, detail, and persuasiveness. Taking in the Wooden Horse, if it really happened, was a single decision taken by Trojan war lords, inflamed by Ate, whose name you can translate. I suppose, as Folly, the Trojan secession, the decision of the Trojans to pull that fatal horse within their walls: the secular ambition and corruption of the Renaissance popes between 1470 and 1530 that provoked the Protestant secession; the pig-headedness of British politicians to assert a right they could not exert that lost the American colonies; and America's recent betrayal of herself in Vietnam, from which she still has not recovered.

No professional historian, except perhaps Clio, could treat them all with equal authority. Tuchman's virtue is to detect a strong, simple pattern in history, and to trace it vividly. Folly, no doubt, has played a large part in human affairs and always will. But there were other players even in Tuchman's chosen events: luck, social and economic changes, even wisdom.

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DIARY**
Toivo's Travels

Sir Geoffrey Howe, and top-level Foreign Office officials are expected to hold secret talks this week with the father of the Namibian Liberation movement, Andimba Toivo ya Toivo, who arrives in London today on his first European visit. It is hoped Toivo ya Toivo, who has just been released after 16 years from South Africa's notorious Robben Island prison, will put pressure on Sir Geoffrey to persuade South African prime minister Botha to pull his troops out of Namibia; talks in Lusaka broke down last week after South Africa again refused to concede to the longstanding UN resolution which demands its withdrawal. Botha is due to meet Sir Geoffrey in London next month.

Toivo ya Toivo, a founder member of Swapo, was expelled from South Africa in 1957 after he smuggled a taped testimony on South Africa's occupation of Namibia to the UN, hidden in a copy of *Gulliver's Travels*. In 1966 he was arrested after launching Swapo's armed liberation struggle, and was later tried in Pretoria under South Africa's Terrorism Act. He was released from Robben Island on March 1 this year.

Blocking move

The inquest on banker Dennis Skinner, who died after a fall from his Moscow flat, is sending a chill through British cancer specialist Richard Mould. Mould, who was lecturing on nuclear medicine at the Moscow University Institute at the time of Skinner's death, is convinced he almost met a similar fate. Two KGB agents walked into his fourth-floor room, at the Minsk Hotel, pinned him against the wall, and accused him of breaking currency regulations. One then ominously shut the window. Three days later the agents, Tommy and Yuri, returned to his hotel, huddled him into a car, and then wined and dined him on caviar and cognac. "We would like you to find out in England about the pill given to radiation workers in power stations which stops any effects of the radiation they received." Despite Mould's protests of ignorance, the Russians offered money. He was finally released, and thanked for "surviving two-and-a-half hours of verbal chess".

Barnsley Labour Party is apparently not well versed in ecclesiastical titles. At a recent discussion on a proposed CND meeting one committee member asked: "Who's this M.G.R. Kent then?"

BARRY FANTONI



"My husband promised a weekend in Paris as soon as the decree absolute comes through."

Lying doggo

We shall never know whether MPs are liars or not – or indeed whether journalists are either. Yesterday's lie-detector test, which my parliamentary colleague Richard Evans was due to undergo, was called off at the last minute because, like Peter Thurnham, MP, he was considered "not quite right". The House of Commons Committee on Employment, which is investigating the use of the polygraph to vet GCHQ staff, was apparently afraid Evans would print the results. So who is "quite right"? Anonymous persons, they say.

Having secured Richard Burton in play Winston Smith's interrogator in the film of 1984, Virgin Films is billing him as "winner of seven Academy Award nominations". Will it catch on?

On target

When Lady Olga Mairland was touting for the first president of her Women and Families for Defence, she was adamant that not only Tories were being considered. "I am very choosy," she told me. Yesterday the group named its new president: Lord Trenchard, a staunch Tory, who was Thatcher's Department of Industry minister, and until last year her Defence Procurement minister. His favourite pastime in *Who's Who*? Shooting, of course. The four vice-chairmen appointed to Lady Olga's outfit are: Angela Rumbold, Tory MP for Mitcham and Morden; Charles Mosley, chairman of the Conservative's Richmond branch; Toby Honan, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Sedgefield; and finally 17-year-old Greenwich schoolgirl, Janet Parrett, Chairman of Eltham Young Conservatives and founder of MAGIE, the Multi-lateral Action Group for Getting Ideas Expressed.

PHS

Kenneth Fleet on the logic of merging two industrial giants

Leaner – and now bigger

The great majority of this country's top 100 companies are hobbies for their dominant figures, whether lords, knights or still plain squares. Lord Weinstock (GEC), Lord Hanson (Hanson Trust), Lord Forte (Trusthouse Forte), Sir Ernest Harrison (Racial), Sir John Clark (Plessey), Mr Owen Green (BTR) are just a random few of those who are, or are on the threshold, of becoming household names.

In this context, "hobby" does not imply a spare-time interest pursued by amateurs. Nothing could be further from the truth. With isolated exceptions our leading corporations are led by men (as yet, there are no women) who are intensely professional and dedicated to the businesses which influence and condition their lives.

It is their strength to understand the fundamental commercial reality of Britain in the 1980s. This economy is neither big enough nor will it grow fast enough to satisfy their corporate ambitions at home or provide a base to compete internationally against the corporate giants of America, Japan and continental Europe. Electronic communications are rapidly turning the world into a global village.

We are now entering a phase of major mergers among companies already perceived by most of us as being, although not by international standards. In this latest wave of amalgamations, which historically is

the final phase of industry's adjustment to the loss of Empire and the vanished twilight of the Sterling Area, cross-border links will be as common as formal ties between British companies.

This is the new corporation. It does not signal the end of the fashionable era of "small is beautiful"; it recognises that unless the universal trading estate does not touch your business, size means survival, and you believe, success.

This industrial logic is not yet widely appreciated. Even the Stock Exchange – which is now sweating under the same sort of international pressures – whistled in collective astonishment when Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of recently privatised British Aerospace, revealed on Tuesday that Thorn EMI, the major force in UK consumer electronics, had initiated talks that could result in a merger.

Mr Peter Laister, who recently succeeded Sir Richard Cave as chairman, could not have put Thorn's thinking more lucidly. The board had wished "for a long time to shift the balance of the group's activities away from being heavily consumer-oriented and concentrated in the UK".

A Thorn-British Aerospace merger presents the Government with the peculiar problem of letting go completely to the private sector a strategic business in which it is pledged to control at least a quarter

of the votes. The state currently holds 48.43 per cent of the shares but the intention is to sell more. This problem, however, is secondary to the issue of monopolies policy.

This is completely out of phase with the facts of commercial life – facts which have been emphasized and given a razor edge by Mrs Thatcher's policies and her economic philosophy. Four years of recession and the abolition of all foreign exchange controls in the autumn of 1979 have proved a more powerful combination of forces than anyone could have foreseen.

Manufacturing industry has become not only leaner and more efficient, it has also been weaned of the temptation to take the recovery of the last 12 months at its face value.

The Prime Minister's doctrines have been learnt the hard way. There were more than 7,000 bankruptcies and 13,432 company liquidations last year; in 1979 the figures were 3,500 and 4,537.

The survivors right across the corporate spectrum, have made reduction of debt and accumulation of cash their first priority. Companies are now awash with money which they are carefully husbanding, because either they believe the recovery is ephemeral or because they do not see attractive opportunities for new investment.

Freedom from foreign exchange controls enables them to take their

money where they will, but that is barely the half of it. Only since the autumn of 1979 have most British companies felt compelled to measure virtually everything they do, like pricing their products, and virtually everything that is done to them, especially the critical costs of labour and of money, by world standards.

That is one of Mrs Thatcher's new disciplines, though it was hardly understood four and a half years ago. Another is import competition, which has destroyed entire sectors of British manufacturing industry and concentrated minds in the areas that are left. The Government's willingness to use North Sea oil revenues to finance the imported goods the British consumer is determined to possess has had two significant consequences. It has helped the anti-inflation cause in the short term by keeping UK shop prices down, and it has made British companies think deeply about the probable size and shape of industrial structures in 10 years' time.

The conclusions are inescapable. The developed world is rapidly becoming a single market for a wide range of products, and this single market will be largely catered for by multinational corporations.

These are the market forces now driving British companies into bigger groupings. A monopoly at home may be a small price to pay to stay in the manufacturing game.

The man who would rule Angola

Jamba, south-eastern Angola
Sir John Leahy, the British envoy who flew into rebel-held territory in Angola last weekend to accept the release of 16 Britons taken hostage by Dr Jonas Savimbi's Unita movement, found himself on the receiving end of one of the world's most successful public relations organizations. To many in the Foreign Office it was a distasteful and humiliating excursion "opera bouffe in a jungle setting" as one diplomat privately called it – but once again Dr Savimbi has shown that he is not to be overlooked in any peace settlement in Southern Africa.

Tight-lipped and obviously uncomfortable on his arrival at Jamba, the rebel's lair in the south-eastern Angola bush, into which a large posse of international journalists had also been flown, Sir John had noticeably warmed to Dr Savimbi's undoubted charm by the end of his visit and was fulsome in his praise of the Unita leader's "great qualities of leadership and colourful style". It is likely that Sir John took away with him a rather more sobering assessment of Unita's potential than London has had for some time.

There is much evidence that the Foreign Office has failed to inform adequately hundreds of British technicians offered lucrative short-term contracts in Angola of the dangers posed by the civil war.

"We base our assessment of the risks on the situation at a particular time," Sir John replied cautiously to questions about this apparent failure of intelligence. There can be no doubt, however, that Dr Savimbi has long been more than a skilful showman making defiant gestures from the safety of a remote and sparsely populated corner of the country which Angola's former Portuguese rulers used with some reason to call "the end of the world". Unita is methodically establishing control over wide areas of the country, isolating towns and making it increasingly difficult for the Luanda regime to govern.

The strategy is one of economic disruption rather than the capture and holding of territory. The crippling of the Benguela railway, once the main outlet to the Atlantic for copper and cobalt from Zaire and Zambia, has been a chief objective and is costing Angola a fortune in lost transit fees. Other road and rail links are severely disrupted by ambushes and landmines. Agriculture, as much because of bad management as the activities of Unita, has been devastated. Once a food-exporting nation, Angola now imports 90 per cent of its needs.

Most estimates suggest that directly or indirectly Angola, a country blessed with diamond and oil riches, is spending up to 70 per cent of its economic resources on defence. Unita is, of course, only one factor in this cost. Until last February, when Angola signed a ceasefire agreement with South Africa in Lusaka, Luanda was also waging a debilitating war against South African forces along its southern border with Namibia, where Swapo guerrillas with bases in



Dr Jonas Savimbi at the Unita base: making life difficult for Luanda

Angola are fighting for independence from Principe.

The briefing map which Colonel Wambu Kasitu, one of Dr Savimbi's intelligence officers, wheels out for the increasingly frequent foreign visitors to Jamba shows a picture of constantly expanding Unita activity. Nearly all of Moicoto and Cuando Cubango provinces, roughly the south-eastern third of the country, is claimed to be under total Unita control, while Unita is said to be operative in more than another third of the country. Only the north-western Zaire and Uige provinces, the far north-east corner of the country and the south-western coastal region, are free of the red and green arrows indicating clashes with government aircraft.

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According to Colonel Kasitu, Unita now deploys 20,000 guerrillas and 20,000 semi-regulars operating in battalion and brigade strength. During April, Unita claims to have shot down two government helicopters, destroying 90 trucks, blown up a bridge and killed 728 soldiers of Fapla, the Angolan army, and 69 Cubans fighting with them, against a loss of only 43 of its own troops. It also says it took 52 Angolans prisoner, while 17 of its own men went missing, and captured 832 rifles. If even half this is true, it implies a severe problem for the Luanda regime.

What is certain is that hundreds of trucks move freely up and down the so-called "Savimbi trail", a network of rough bush roads, with several branches, running up the

eastern side of Angola. They carry supplies into the heart of the country and up as far north as the Benguela railway and even beyond. South of the railway, from the observation of foreign captives who have been brought down the trail, there is virtually no sign of government counter-insurgency activity, and lorries move at night with headlights on without fear of attracting enemy aircraft.

For the rest of this year, Colonel Kasitu says, Unita intends to concentrate on extending its operations into Zaire province north of Luanda, and the Cahinda enclave with its rich offshore oilfields; where the presence of international oil companies such as America's Gulf Oil would add a new diplomatic dimension to the civil war. That this threat may not be mere bravado is indicated by Unita's recently demonstrated ability to strike at targets lying more than 800 miles away from its base area, such as Kafunfo in the north and Sumbe (formerly Novo Redondo) on the coast below Luanda.

Unita admits that it cannot hold any major town because it would then make itself a target for the Angolan government's air power, mainly Soviet MiG 21s. But the guerrillas argue that they do not need to do so to achieve their aims. They are also prepared to be ruthless. Colonel Kasitu had no hesitation in claiming responsibility for a bomb explosion in the central town of Huambo last month, which may have killed between 100 and

Nkrumah, Gamal Nasser and Leopold Senghor, the prophet of "Negritude", which asserts the importance of African cultural values.

He demands the withdrawal of the 35,000 Cuban troops which he claims are in Angola, and the formation of a transitional coalition government which would act as caretaker until elections were held.

"We seek peace in Angola and reconciliation, as we did in 1974".

Dr Savimbi declared at the welcoming ceremony for Sir John Last weekend. "But until then we shall firmly hold on to our arms and maintain our hearts open to dialogue".

Michael Hornsby

of adding his name to the pantheon of Community founders with the Genscher-Colombo declaration were dashed by the member states' piecemeal dismemberment of the document. The mouse that emerged hardly does credit to anyone, and the present impasse over the Community finances have subdued even Genscher.

He has clung tenaciously to his job despite attempts to dislodge him by the ambitious Bavarian Prime Minister Franz Joseph Strauss. His own political base, as leader of Germany's tiny Free Democratic Party, is narrow and has often seemed in doubt – especially after he walked out of the coalition with the Social Democrats and brought his party into alliance with the Christian Democrats.

The outcry over the ill-conceived amnesty for irregular donors to political parties still threatens to engulf him, and there are many who say he should spend less time in the air and more on party leadership. But in many ways Genscher is the PDP, just as he is the voice of Bonn to the outside world. Having entered the exclusive club of perpetual foreign ministers, which also includes colleagues from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Africa and the Gulf, he shows no inclination to step down.

Michael Binyon

Ronald Butt

Activists married to their anger

who think like him have persistently taken the view that no relationship with South Africa is possible at all until the whole of its present political edifice has been overturned. Precisely the same attitude was adopted towards every endeavour to reach a compromise in what was then Rhodesia at an earlier stage. Such compromise could have ended the killing sooner, made a degree of evolution possible, and perhaps prevented the conditions of massacre and hunger that prevail in Zimbabwe today. But none of that mattered by comparison with the overriding demand for majority rule, whether or not the majority was yet capable of exercising it as more sophisticated electorates have gradually learned to do.

Over Rhodesia, and now over South Africa, I have persistently encountered the position that any kind of gradualism in agreement with the powers of darkness would be intolerable and that no amelioration of the existing system could earn any grace. If war and bloodshed are the only road to achieving the precious aim of one-man-one-vote, then – alas – so be it.

Apartheid is indisputably very wrong, but what is most remarkable is that it has provoked anger so bitter (often, it seems, among people who became attached to their race as Queen Victoria did to her grief), that it forbids any attempt to try to understand the human frailty and fear that underlies apartheid.

There is no human society which does not feel an urge to protect its own identity and way of life. That is inevitably as true of European South Africans as it is of Britons or Israelis. How could they not feel that their identity and way of life would not be threatened if they suddenly formed a 20 per cent minority of the South African electorate?

Of course, in terms of pure democratic theory they should accept it. But we are dealing in realities, and the plain fact is that the total change wanted by the anti-apartheid fanatics could not come about without great bloodshed, including many of the Africans for whom they claim to speak.

The white South Africans are defending their interest with an evil system, and the Homelands policy is vivified even in its own terms by unfair application. Many chances have been missed of bringing the black population towards political responsibility. But we have to start from where we are. It is better to recognize and try to build on such improvements as are peacefully in prospect than to seek theoretical democracy at the price of cataclysm, especially with the example before us of other African states which have switched suddenly to universal suffrage and then exploited it for despotism.

The anti-apartheid fanatics should look into their own hearts and ask themselves whether the reality of compassion is being eaten away by righteous rancour. Even a simming Afrikaner deserves a little understanding. If Archbishop Huddleston and his friends are prepared to stand rigidly against any compromises in order to achieve their total solution, whatever its devastating consequences, that would be a moral arrogance which could only harm the people whose interest they have at heart.

Paul Jennings

Reality night at the Cordwainers' Hall

Most of us know nothing whatever about the City livery companies (and that is most of us, isn't it?) have a vague picture of jolly old boys coming in from South Mimms or Esher, in dinner jackets, accompanied either by the solemn son or nephew whose introductory dinner this is, or by a contemporary ebony or, on Ladies' Night, by a discreetly jewelled lady with very recently set hair. And we feel that none of them would have the faintest idea how to wain cord, coop, chandlery tallow or wax, mangle iron or fish.

Some of them may be in commodity dealings faintly connected with the name of their company. If it is something like the Leather-sellers' or the Drapers', Doubtless some in the Cordwainers' ever knew that the word denotes shoemakers, being derived from Cordoba, where they once made shoes from goats' leather. But surely most of them are great deal more proficient as accountants or insurance men than as Loriners (makers of horses' bits), Armourers and Brasiers, Pewterers or Skinners.

Surely the time has come for a hit of rethinking. It is entirely to the good that the City should not die at night, that among all that cold empty glass and stone there should be these little secret pockets of warm convivial mirth and life, greetings on old oak landings under portraits of worthies often by the late James Gunn or his many earlier, nineteenth-century equivalents, dinners under chandeliers, port and male laughter under dark old paneling, a tradesmen's imitation of that adolescent pals-for-ever collegiate life, maintained in its most concentrated form in the Inns of Court.

When you come to think of it, some of the existing companies sound pretty marginal even for medieval times, when there must have been at least as many Hatters, Thatchers, Stonemasons (say) as Fishmongers. Perhaps that is why Microchip Hall or the Systems Analysts' Company could never sound right, at least to present-day ears.

The Worshipful Company of Tram and Trolleybuswrights, Waffle Makers' Hall, the Crystal Setmakers' Company, Crookers' Hall and many others, however, could fit in more and more snugly, with those Pewterers and Fletchers and Coopers, while remaining equally remote from whatever it is the old boys from South Mimms and Esher actually do, or did, for a living.

Tireless fighter for détente

him after five years as interior minister to head Bonn's foreign ministry, he quickly proved himself a champion of Ostpolitik.

The high point came a year later with the signing of the Helsinki accords in 1975. And though Germany has been powerless to stop the breakdown of relations between the superpowers since, Genscher has worked hard to limit the damage, preserving what was possible in Europe.

His technique is the

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THE TOURNIQUET

The Iran-Iraq war has long been known to the Western media as "the Gulf war", but until lately that has been something of a misnomer. The main hostilities were on land rather than in the Gulf, and the six Arab states which make up the Gulf's southwestern coastline - Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, The United Arab Emirates and Oman - were not directly involved. Iraq has only a very short coastline at the head of the Gulf and this was easily blockaded by the Iranian navy from the very beginning of the war.

That blockade, supplemented since 1982 by a Syrian blockade of Iraq's pipeline outlet to the Mediterranean, has put Iraq at a severe disadvantage in the war, reducing its oil exports to a relative trickle through Turkey. Without generous financial support from some of its Arab neighbours - mainly Kuwait and Saudi Arabia - Iraq could never have kept fighting until now. But, in its growing anxiety to bring the war to an end, Iraq has naturally set itself the task of reciprocating the Iranian blockade, or at least interfering as much as possible with Iran's oil exports.

That objective was widely publicised last summer when it became known that France was lending Iraq Super-Etendard aircraft, which, it was thought, would make it easier for Iraq to attack the main Iranian terminal at Kharg Island, or tankers in its

immediate vicinity, with Exocet missiles. Iran responded by warning that, if it were prevented from exporting its own oil through the Gulf, it would see to it that no oil got out of the Gulf for none" - a statement which Iran is hardly entitled to make, given that it is Iran which has consistently made the Gulf unsafe for Iraqi trade and has rejected all proposals for a ceasefire which included lifting the blockade.

Iraq, in effect, has called Iran's bluff and Iran is now proving that it was not bluffing. It has not yet been done in quite the dramatic way that some scenarios envisaged. Kharg has not been "knocked out"; nor has Ras Tanura; and the Strait of Hormuz has not been blocked. But if things continue as they are going, oil supplies from the Gulf are going to be seriously affected, and, at very least, prohibitive insurance rates are going to affect world prices. The West which (if Japan is included) is the main customer and therefore in a sense the main financier of both sides in the war, can no longer pretend that it does not affect Western interests. Some kind of Western intervention may very soon become unavoidable. It may be that the only way the West can now secure freedom of navigation for neutrals in the Gulf is to provide naval escorts - with all the risk of escalating conflict that that implies.

NEUTRALITY IS AS NEUTRALITY DOES

Few federations are as catholic as the Council of Civil Service Unions. Its seven constituent associations range from the hard left dominated Society of Civil and Public Servants to the hard right Prison Officers Association, from the First Division Association, which includes permanent secretaries among its 8,000 members, and the 200,000-strong Civil and Public Services Association which represents the production lines in Whitehall's clerical factories. Political fluctuations within associations can be as swift as they are baffling. Yesterday, for example, Mr Alistair Graham, moderate general secretary of the CPSA and arch proponent of the "new realism" within the TUC, survived a fierce attack on his leadership by the Militant Tendency thanks to an alliance of old left, moderate left and centre right. Today's CPSA election results are too close to call in advance. But Mr Graham could find himself saddled with a left wing executive as well as a left wing conference. In fact, the only phenomenon to unify the Civil Service unions - at least theoretically - is a mention of the Prime Minister's name, particularly after the removal of unions from the Government Communications Headquarters.

The First Division Association, who meet in annual conference today, have found themselves in a particularly delicate position in trade union terms since the Conservative restoration in 1979. In 1977 the TUC, after much debate and heartsearching, affiliated to the top civil servants' union. Mr Prior, then Opposition spokesman on employment, and asked if such a move would jeopardise their prized political neutrality in the eyes of a future Tory administration. Mr Prior said it was a matter for them.

SPOT THE RADICAL

Mr Norman Fowler has now whipped away the silk handkerchief and pulled four special committees of inquiry out of his departmental hat. These white rabbits will now nibble away at different but overlapping areas of social security, digesting information on behalf of a central co-ordinating unit with the Department of Health and Social Security. It may seem churlish to greet such a welcome and enterprising approach to policy with some scepticism, but an early warning is needed. It is not yet clear whether this will amount to more than a political conjuring trick, whether it can develop into a genuine attempt to re-examine the fundamentals of one third of total public expenditure.

Britain's social security system is crying out for fundamental reassessment. Its cost has grown by more than a quarter, in real terms, over the past five years - and not only because of the rise in unemployment. It will continue to rise, not so much because of demographic pressures (though these will mount again after the turn of the century) but because of the rising expectations built into the new pensions system, the demand for better income provision for the disabled and the costly need to fill in the "poverty trap" in which low-earning families find themselves.

Iraqi aircraft close to the Kuwaiti ships at the time of the attacks; and Iran's Supreme Defence Council warned on Tuesday that "if the Gulf was not safe for all, it would be safe for none" - a statement which Iran is hardly entitled to make, given that it is Iran which has consistently made the Gulf unsafe for Iraqi trade and has rejected all proposals for a ceasefire which included lifting the blockade.

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Their tactics and timing proved unfortunate. Mrs Thatcher's arrival in Downing Street two years later changed the rules by which the game is played. Mr Prior's assurance began to look thin. Three times in the past five years, the FDA has acted like an orthodox member of the TUC in advising its members to take industrial action (it never instructs). After another agonized debate, and an assurance from Mr Murray that the TUC was not in the business of toppling democratically elected governments, the FDA decided in 1982 that Conservative employment legislation was a trade union issue and not a political one, and joined the TUC's campaign against it. No Civil Service union has codified "political" and "trade union" issues. They decide ad hoc on which matters it is proper to abstain in order to convince themselves that they have preserved some notional neutrality as public servants. No civil servant could muddy these waters more skilfully than Mr Alastair Mackinlay, a senior figure in the FDA, who puts it thus: "One man's wider issue could be another man's narrow self-interest and a third's political stance".

The effectiveness of the FDA as a force for reason within the TUC may be greater than its

central report which it will produce must be judged by the vigour with which it tackles three fundamental issues. The first is the overlap between taxes and means-tested benefits; the second is the mismatch between the present systems of income tax and working people's national insurance contributions. The third is the most crucial of all. The present system of cash benefits is an anomalous mixture of benefits based on a dubious insurance principle. A Government which for five years has simply wrung its hands over the rising cost of social security must now decide where its priorities lie. Should not a modern social security system concentrate on providing a decent minimum income to its citizens, according to age and condition and cease to confuse its role with that of a private insurance company?

The second is that conclusions may be influenced by the order in which these committees complete their work. For example, the precursor of them all, Mr Fowler's pensions inquiry, is already nearing completion, but decisions taken on pensions radically affect other benefits and their financing. Thirdly, there are some major benefits - such as unemployment pay - that seem to have fallen between several stools.

Linking education and industry

From Mr David A. Smith

Sir, Whilst the recognition of the primacy of education in future wealth-creation by Sir Kenneth Corfield (May 11) is timely, it is rather doubtful whether even a new commission, however radical its recommendations, will be sufficient to effect any change in our society. There are echoes in Sir Kenneth's letter of parallel appeals for a recognition of the importance of the engineering profession that are made from time to time. Only a particularly interested observer will have noted any effects of the internal reorganization of the professional institutions which followed the Finistone report.

If hopes for a real improvement in these intractable positions are to be answered there must be progress seen from two viewpoints: that of the total education system and also that of the prospective skilled employee.

The paramount ethic in the educational system is that of status, sometimes confused by reference to academic excellence, which in any case may be unrelated to industry's requirements. The successive attempts to change the structure of higher education by setting up colleges of advanced technology and polytechnics have in reality fortified these differences in status despite the success of these institutions in educational terms.

Any attempt to make the vocational purpose of education paramount is soon subverted by the different values existing within an entirely self-sufficient system. Because the current concern of government is in intent, total expenditure, it does not possess the will to level up any differences in status by financial means and so prefers not to acknowledge them.

Meanwhile industry has still maintained its own system of rewards, which has never been weighed in favour of the engineering skills now so clearly required. Only professional engineers in some public services and certain new specializations can be compared in status with financial managers. A limited number of young people have the necessary abilities to succeed in highly technical education or training and the prospects must be made clear to them.

If the purely vocational aspect of education was separated from its wider cultural function it could then develop the necessary links with industry and training without threatening the values of academic freedom and an informed and critical society. The two functions would be seen as equally necessary and prestigious, so that individuals could choose "of" move between them.

Therefore, the elements of new educational institutions do exist already, so what is required for change is a reorganization of these resources on a basis of full equality. If it is objected that public expenditure cannot meet such requirements, then additional funds must be justified by the value of industrial links on the one hand and a much wider social involvement on the other.

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Irish unity

From Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Gerald C. Griffith is right to say (May 10) that "Britain's fault in Northern Ireland was to allow Stormont to get away with" injustice to the minority. Catholics in 1920 wanted Pitt's "integration" in order to escape civil disability and the Protestant Parliament in Dublin which the Orangemen defended against the Unionists of the day. Catholics would have been, and the TUC would lose a small but distinct voice for reason. But the preservation of an impeccable career public service is an overriding value. A withdrawal of the FDA would also have implications for senior officials in the institution of Professional Civil Servants and the SCPS. Strictly speaking, any civil servant of assistant secretary rank and above is sufficiently important either as an adviser or a manager to warrant non-TUC status. Below that level, the problem is not so acute. Two tier membership within a TUC affiliated union would be messy in organizational terms, but civil servants are good at managing organizational messes.

The "integrationist" Carson said: "We have never asked to govern any Catholic. We are perfectly satisfied that... Protestant and Catholic should be governed from this (Westminster) Parliament, and we have always said that it was the fact that this Parliament was corrupted from these racial and religious dispositions, which was the strongest foundation for the government of Ulster." (House of Commons, May 18, 1920).

Why then seek to distance Northern Ireland from Great Britain through legislative devolution - to the encouragement of republicanism, whether constitutional or terrorist?

I remain, Sir, your most obedient servant,
JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON,
House of Commons.
May 11.

Sixth-form studies

From Dr E. Rudd

Sir, Professor Gareth Williams's letter (May 8) implies that the slight fall in home applicants to universities this year reflects a fall in the demand for university places. This may be true, but, as it does not explain the fall in applications, it is not very helpful.

It seems to me that the fall in applications is a reasonable response to the increasing difficulty of gaining a place, which is itself, the result of reduced Government funding under the excuse that demand will fall. So the prediction that demand will fall becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Yours faithfully,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concern to keep up Service morale

From Marshal of the RAF Lord Cameron of Balhousie

Sir, I have followed with interest your articles on Mr Heseltine's proposed defence reorganization and the correspondence generated therefrom. I welcome the Heseltine proposals to cut out ruthlessly the lower level overlap of work both in the military and the Civil Service. Particularly I applaud a close examination of the activities of the Procurement Executive.

I do not, however, agree with some of the proposals as regards the higher organization of the Ministry of Defence as they affect the Service departments, but more particularly the Services themselves.

A point which has not been touched on sufficiently so far in the correspondence on this subject is the effect the demarcation (and I use that word advisedly) of the chiefs of staff will have on the morale of the Service departments.

There was a time when the serviceman took little or no interest in what went on at the top level. Those days are over. The Services are smaller. They are also now better educated. They will see the responsibility for giving political advice to ministers - advice which might not please the military. If it comes off, who would head such an organisation - a civilian with no Service experience or a military man? I can foresee difficulties here.

There have been significant changes in the Ministry of Defence over the past decade as a result of many studies and a series of reviews made from the Service departments to the centre. My advice is that a secretary of state can make the present system work - after all, he has the overriding position.

We hear much about the "lowest common denominator" solutions coming out of the Ministry of Defence as a result of internecine warfare amongst the chiefs of staff. What I believe is that the chiefs, as they stand at the moment with their own limited policy staffs, can make sure that no arguments or aspects of a defence problem remain unexamined. This is a vital role.

The Chief of Defence Staff has the right to tender his own advice, but it goes much beyond that. His office is a few yards from that of the Secretary of State, and he has ample opportunities to make his presence felt.

It really is not just a question of putting official chiefs of staff and his own views - there is and must be a constant dialogue between the Secretary of State and the Chief of Defence Staff and I am sure this happens under the present organisation.

But it is Service morale I am really concerned about; it is important and any reorganisation must take this fully into account. I fear the new scheme, if it comes to fruition, is going to lead to a high state of suspicion between departments and the centre and quite likely a spirit of non-co-operation. This soon gets down to the grassroots. The last state could be worse than the first.

Also, I cannot as yet detect any great savings of posts at the higher level, which is presumably what part of the exercise is all about. CAMERON OF BALHousie, 10 Ravelmead Court, Ranchgarh Garden, SW6. May 15.

Dangers of asbestos

From Mr David Gee

Sir, Your report "Asbestos cash fight suffers setback" (April 21) contains an obvious but highly misleading misprint and a dangerous anachronism, and as the issue relates to the whole construction industry I'm moved to help set the record straight.

The only known cause of the cancer, Mesothelioma, is asbestos, so your claim that it is "unrelated to asbestos" was probably meant to read "related". The type of asbestos used in constructing the Red Road flats in Glasgow and many others during the fifties and sixties was brown asbestos fire insulation board.

Since August last year both brown and blue asbestos have been regarded as equally dangerous by the Health and Safety Executive and from August this year they have been given the same control limit of 200,000 fibres per cubic metre. The belief that blue asbestos will take longer to disappear but I'm grateful for this opportunity to speed it on its way.

Finally, Dr Alistair Dorward is unfortunately right to say that more research is needed before a direct link between the flats project and the workers' death can be proven. Although it is obvious to lay people that creating large clouds of asbestos dust in confined spaces on construction sites will cause exactly the same range of asbestos diseases as similar clouds in shipyards, power stations and asbestos factories, the reality for construction workers with asbestos diseases is that the absence of epidemiological studies in their industry means that winning justice and compensation will be possible, but very difficult.

The real tragedy is that thousands of construction workers were exposed to asbestos dust in dangerously high concentrations, despite both the knowledge of asbestos disease and protective safety laws being available since 1931.

The case for an epidemiological study of asbestos disease in the construction industry is overwhelming.

Yours sincerely

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structure of any kind) certain attitudes will tend to predominate in the upper echelons.

Because the Civil Service and establishment structures have been perceived by decision-makers as difficult or impossible to change radically within time-scales relevant to political action, successive heads of government have sought to complement them by bringing in loyal outsiders whose different provenance and life-styles are reflected to different approaches.

Yours respectfully

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May 8.

College's third option

From Mrs Gillian Shepherd

Sir, I refer to the article on the future of Wymondham College (May 11). I am at a complete loss to understand how your reporter, Mr Colin Hughes, could have failed to include in his article the third option for the future of this school, which I discussed with him at greater length and in greater detail than the two options he chooses to include.

The third option, of course, is to continue to run the college, possibly in a modified and certainly in a more cost-effective way.

May I emphasize that the three options for the future of the college are still being actively considered by Norfolk Education Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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Good taste

From Mr John Putnam

Sir, I have taken off a full super of honey before the cod of April and before the apple blossom is fully out.

This is a record for me in twenty-five years of bee-keeping, but I'm sure I'm not alone in this wonderfully warm dry spring.

Yours truly,

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Putting opera in its place

From Mr Mark Aldridge

Sir, Your recent report (May 8) of the eccentric and controversial production of *Rigoletto* at the Maggio Musicale festival touches a raw nerve. Even in this distant outpost of culture we have recently been given by Scottish Opera both *L'Elisir d'Amore* and *Tosca* set in the regime of Mussolini. In *Turandot* the anonymous hero is Puccini himself and the slave girl, Liu, turns out to be his housemaid.

Opera 80 offered a Japanese *Così fan tutte* and a 1920s *Traviata*, with Violetta and her friends doing a Charleston in act one. The RSC set their *Comedy of Errors* in a circus and enlivened *Henry VIII* with a ragtime band.

The Manchester Royal Exchange company present Hamlet (the glass of fashion and the mould of form) in jeans.</

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Barber's Company: The seventh Sir Lionel de Grey lecture was given yesterday in the Museum of London by Mr. Nigel Walker, the Wren. The post-fire genius? A reception was held afterwards at the Barber-Surgeons' Hall.

Dinners

Inner Temple: Prince Michael of Kent was the guest of the Prenters, Lord Mayor of London, and Masters of the Bench at the Inner Temple last night at dinner in hall, being Grand Day of Easter Term. The other guests were: The French Ambassador; Major-General Sir Alexander H. Shawcross, GCB, ADC, General Sir David Llewellyn, GCB, ADC, Justice Adcock, Treasurer of the Middle Temple; Sir Nicholas Mendelsohn, Professor Sir John Moore, Mr. Kenneth Brewster, Canon Michael, Admiral Sir Denys Blamey.

Rocco Exhibition: The Duke of Norfolk, and Ambassadors of Belgium, Italy and Spain were present at a private view and dinner held on Tuesday night at the Victoria & Albert Museum to mark the opening of the Rocco.

Heathfield School, Ascot

Heathfield School will meet on Saturday, June 2, 1984. Old girls past members of staff and their families are invited to luncheon at 12.45 and to evensong at 3pm, when the address will be given by the Rev Dr Chad Varah, founder of the Samaritans. Luncheon tickets £5 may be obtained from Mrs. Reeve, Leadenham House, Leadenham, Lincolnshire. Applications should arrive by May 28; please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

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Birthdays

John F. Kennedy: The 100th anniversary of the birth of John F. Kennedy, President of the United States, was celebrated at the British Embassy in Washington, DC, yesterday. The president, Mr. Harry Axton, was in the chair. Other present were the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Chairman of the Greater London Council.

Service dinner

Royal Naval Society: The annual dinner of the Royal Naval Society of London, held at the Royal Naval Society, London, was presided over by Mr. Edward Booth-Clibborn, the chairman, Mr. Edward Booth-Clibborn, the chairman, and Mr. Peter Walker, the vice-chairman. Mr. Peter Walker, the vice-chairman, and Mr. Peter Shore, MP, (19 Course) presented the services.

Latest wills

Captain Sir Cecil Charles Roy, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, Republic of Ireland, died recently in England. His wife and the Republic of Ireland widow, £693,802.

Dr Donald Thomas Alfred Townsend, of Leatherhead, Surrey, Director-General of the British Coal Utilization Research Association, 1946-62, left estate valued at £170,000 net.

Other estates include (net) before tax paid: Adams, Mrs Hilda, of Wimbledon, London £345,985 Heywood, Mr Clifford Pearson, of Okchampton, Devon £194,512.

Commissioner Francy Cachelin has been appointed British commissioner of the evangelical and community forces of the Salvation Army.

Science report

Seeking a strategy to safeguard research

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The spread of research covers an academic community of about 12,000 tenured staff, other research workers, post-doctoral fellows and council students, and they represent the disciplines in which the nation's outstanding reputation has been built.

Because of the squeeze on cash for research the council, over the past four years has refused a growing number of applications or support for excellent ideas, to the extent that about a third of the highest quality research grants have had to be rejected.

The subjects cover a broad range from biology (not just those applied research aspects of biology supported by the medical, agricultural and food, and natural environment councils) through mathematics, chemistry, and physics (but not astronomy or space research and nuclear physics).

Academics will find comfort from the *New Scientist* magazine.

That publication has taken a small case study to highlight the plight of the interdisciplinary project which involves, say, a good mix of physics and medicine, with more than a hint of interest to geologists.

The case which was considered is the tale of Oxford University's proton microprobe. It was a novel area of research, part medicine and part nuclear physics, which was cut short.

A team in the nuclear physics department developed an unusual machine called the scanning proton microprobe. Those concerned facing scientists engaged on work that crosses traditional scientific boundaries will find comfort from the *New Scientist* magazine.

despite enormous interest in the scheme, there seems to be no means of providing money to ensure the venture continues.

The difficulty lies in the fact the work is interdisciplinary: neither wholly medicine nor physics. In a time of spending cuts, each discipline feels that the other should pay for the research.

This intriguing machine uses a tightly focused beam of energetic protons to induce a specimen to emit X-rays, and the pattern of X-rays reveals the distribution of elements within the sample. Visitors from as far afield as China have gone to Oxford to learn about the microprobe.

JOHN ROBBINS

John Robbins, the economist, died on May 15. He was 75.

John Robbins was born in 1908, educated at Cambridge, and a student of Economics at the University of Cambridge.

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DR IAN WALKER

A colleague writes:

The death in Paris on April 30 of Dr Ian Walker, while on his return journey from a conference at Foot-Roumou, tragically cut short at the age of 48, a life full of personal happiness, and an academic career that seemed certain to enhance his already established reputation as a biochemist.

Educated at Harrow County Grammar School and Birmingham University he migrated to Oxford with his then supervisor, Dr Andrew Peacock. After completing his PhD (Birmingham) and some postdoctoral research, he was appointed to a University Lectureship in Biochemistry in

As the head of a successful research group he was responsible for a steady output of publications and assisted in the editing of several scientific journals.

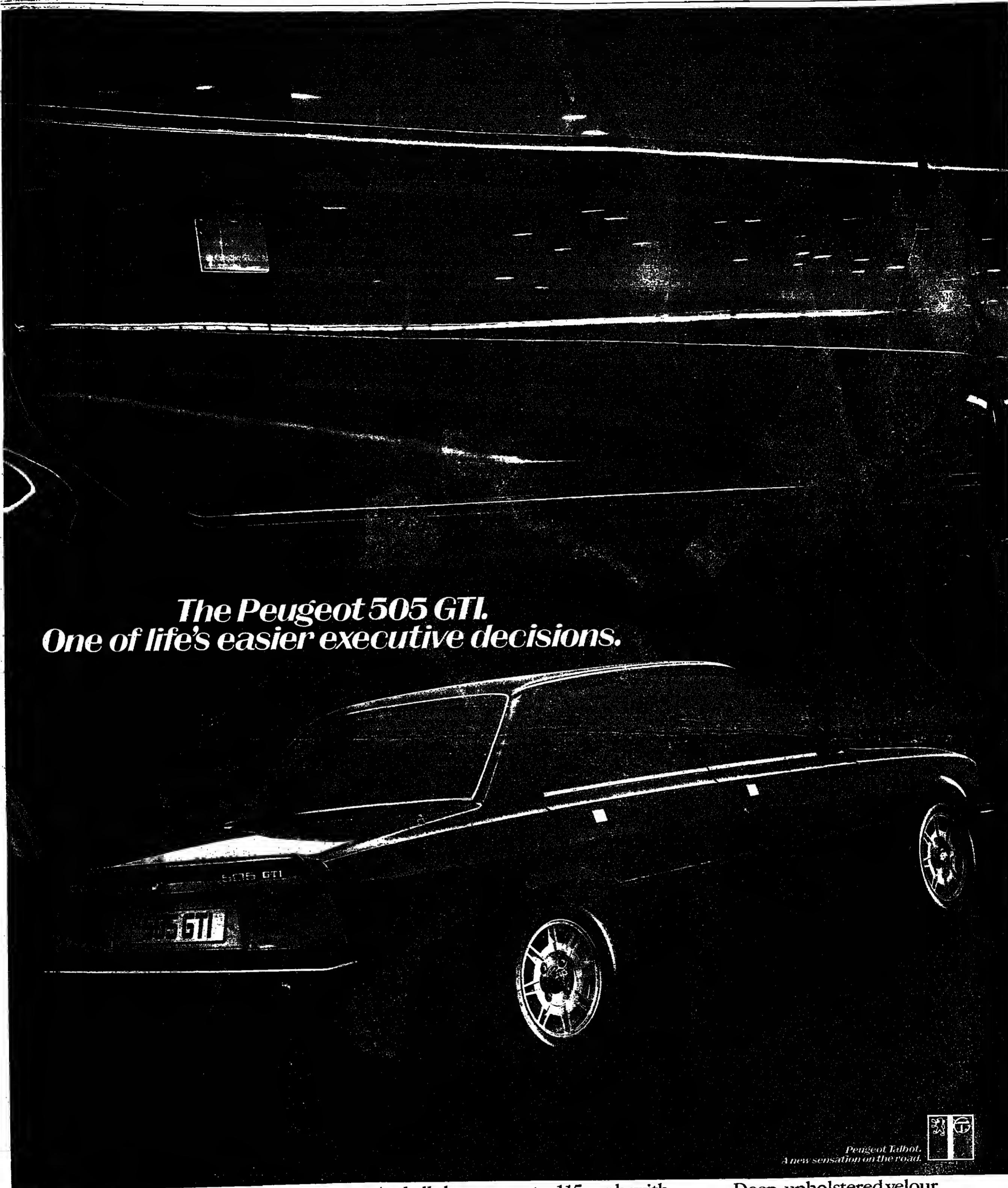
He married in 1962 Janet Hughes; and he is survived by her and their four children.

DR PETTOLEO

Dr Decio Pettoleo died in Cambridge on April 19 at the age of 97. He came to Britain from Italy in 1922 to teach in the University of Cambridge, where he held a Lectureship in Italian from 1933 until his retirement in 1951.

His liberal views in politics naturally led to fierce opposition to Fascism, and the open house he kept in Harvey Road became a meeting place for the most prominent Italian political exiles in this country.

He wrote *An Outline of Italian Civilization* (1932), and after his retirement translated several English classical works into Italian, a verse translation of *Paradise Lost* being the most remarkable.



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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Thirty days that may shake the Continental

The \$4.5 billion safety net organized by America's 16 biggest banks has now provided a 30-day breathing space for troubled Continental Illinois, the big Chicago bank. It has already had to draw heavily on the facility to make up for lost deposits and the bank is not out of the wood yet.

The syndicate of banks providing the facility was drawn to it by mutual self-interest. It is anxious to safeguard the credibility of the US banking system and avoid the potentially catastrophic knock-on effects in money markets which would result from the failure of one of the biggest American wholesale banks. At the moment, however, there is no provision for the facility to be renewed.

According to one senior New York banker involved in the safety operation, there are three possible outcomes. The first, with a happy ending, is that Continental rebuilds confidence within the 30 days and then resumes business as normal. Failing that, a merger might be arranged; or thirdly, a longer-term facility would be put in place involving the participation of the US banking regulatory authorities.

The various options are being discussed by bankers and officials and we will probably know the answer before the middle of next month. For Continental, it must be touch and go whether it can survive as an independent bank. Confidence is an elusive quality, as recent events in Chicago have again proved.

Prior to last week's spate of rumours, Continental was a bank which had suffered from numerous difficulties with its loan book and whose standing in the markets was not of the highest. However, the big problems had been identified; the bank was adequately capitalized and there was no reason to believe it would not eventually come through its difficulties.

Once confidence began to crumble, Continental found itself facing severe liquidity problems. Deposits, largely wholesale in this case, but the lifeblood of the bank nevertheless, began to disappear. It is one of the ironies of banking that there was no apparent reason for the sudden flight of faith in the bank beyond self-fulfilling rumours.

US tries to take debt off agenda

The apparently stately progress of international sherpas towards a harmonious and uncontroversial economic summit in London next month has new been abruptly impeded by the debt issue, brought back from the shadows by the recent about-turn in American interest rates and highlighted by Continental Illinois' difficulties.

State Department sources made it clear in Washington yesterday that the Reagan Administration will resist strongly the decision taken by European finance ministers at Rambouillet, at the weekend to insist on putting the second-round debt problems of developing countries firmly on the summit agenda.

At next week's final preparatory session, the US will make it clear that it remains wholly opposed to structured longer-term solutions that would replace its current, case-by-case approach. Indeed, it will try to break the momentum for new approaches by keeping specific proposals off the summit agenda and, in the words of State Department officials "putting the word out" that US wants harmony on this issue.

The Americans, it must be said, will come to the meeting fresh from wringing a package of concessions from Japan to open up Japanese capital markets (see report at the bottom of the page) in

OECD warning on rising US rates

From Francis Williams, Paris

The organization for Economic Cooperation and Development is painting a brighter picture of economic prospects for the industrial countries this year and next, but has given a warning that rising American interest rates threaten the durability of recovery in the longer term.

The new OECD forecasts, to be given to ministers from the 24 member nations for their two-day meeting which begins today in Paris, suggest the industrial world as a whole may grow by 4 per cent this year, slowing to about 3 per cent next year as the United States economy loses momentum.

But Europe is expected to expand by only 2 per cent this year, which is not enough to prevent unemployment rising further. This is better, however, than the 1.5 per cent predicted

by the OECD last December, which compared with 3.5 per cent for the industrial countries.

The unpainted forecasts also show that the OECD expects Britain to grow faster than the European average this year. It has revised up slightly its 2.5 per cent growth forecast made in December, but remains more cautious than the British Government which is predicting 3 per cent growth this year.

Yen markets expected to open up

Tokyo on verge of reform

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

A series of measures designed to meet United States demands for the liberalization of Japanese financial markets is expected to be announced by Mr Nakasone's Government on Monday. The list of reforms is expected to be extensive enough to persuade the Reagan Adminstration to cease its obstruction of a new financial settlement at the World Bank.

The US has been blocking Japan's promotion to second place on the ladder of national authority at the World Bank in order to force it to accelerate financial liberalization. This has been the main issue between the Japanese and American Governments in the run-up to the London summit, and a ceasefire between the two on financial issues will lead to agreement on almost all trade issues between the governments of the two most powerful summit economies.

The main elements in the package are expected to be:

- Firm proposals by Japan for the creation of a yen's acceptance market in Tokyo;
- The relaxation of some restrictions on foreign issues by non-residents;
- Permission for the issue of yen-denominated Certificates of Deposit in London;
- A further reduction in the minimum scale of Certificates of Deposits, from 500 million yen to 100 million.

Most or all of these measures are expected to take effect from next year at the earliest. Other measures indicated by Japan to take effect from next year include an increase in the limit on the total amount of yen-denominated Certificates of Deposits issued by banks, to take effect from the second quarter of 1985.

The US has been pressing for financial liberalization because

City rebels too late to stop main changes, says minister

By Wayne Lintott and Jeremy Warner

Rebels fighting the changes taking place in the Stock Exchange may be too late with their objections. Mr Alex Fletcher, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday that the City had reached the "crunch" period for determining the systems under which it is to trade in the future.

In a speech at a City University Business School conference, Mr Fletcher, who is responsible for corporate and consumer affairs, said: "The City is responding to the competition posed by other world financial centres. Some people have expressed concern at the speed of the changes now taking place. I would be more concerned if the will to change was not so much in evidence. The City is facing international competition realistically."

The Government itself, he said, is under pressure of time. A Financial Services Act should be passed in 1986 at the latest, given that there could well be an election the following year. For that to take place, a White paper will have to be published this autumn, at the latest, and instructions issued by next

January, as *The Times* has already foreshadowed.

"The City will have to face regulation under either a Labour or Conservative government," he said, adding that he passionately favoured a system of self-regulation against a regulatory body like the American Securities and Exchange Commission, advocated by members of the Labour Party.

"Now is the time for the market to shape itself," he said. The Department of Trade and Industry had so far received more than 100 responses to Professor Laurence Gower's report on regulatory systems. Many eminent City figures were supporting a statutory regulatory body, he said.

"The Government has no blueprint or formula for what should be taking place but we are concerned about investor protection."

He felt that under Professor Gower's recommendations, there could be as many as 14 self-regulatory agencies (SRA's) but he favoured a number significantly lower than that.

The minister said later that he would like to see just four

than create a large number of professional regulators."

"It is only the City that will face the winds of competition. The Government will extend its competitive framework throughout the realms of Britain's professions".

More than 70 representatives from 42 of the smaller London stockbroking firms were expected to attend last night's meeting in the City to coordinate opposition to the recent discussion document on the Stock Exchange's future.

Most representatives were voicing opposition to various aspects of the document but six observers from the larger stockbroking firms and a representative from one of the large jobbing firms, were also due to attend.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, celebrating his 50th birthday yesterday, was to address the meeting and field questions. Mr Jeremy Lewis, a partner of Seymour Pierce, said last night that a steering committee would be set up to oversee the revolt among the smaller firms and that a list of nominations to the committee would be published today.



Alex Fletcher: White paper needed this autumn.

SRA's: one to cover any institution dealing in, or outside the realms of, the Stock Exchange, in shares or bonds; the second to cover the commodity markets, the third to regulate investment advisers of any kind and the fourth to cover the insurance market.

"These are just my personal views," he told the City audience. "I want to see regulation kept in the hands of the practitioners and users of the stock market system, rather

Heineken's advertising agency to go public

By Jonathan Clare

The advertising agency which made its name with Heineken Lager is about to refresh the parts of the stock market that other companies have set to reach.

Low Howard-Spink Campbell-Ewald plans to have a full quote on the London stock market next month and is likely to be the second largest quoted advertising agency after Saatchi & Saachi. The expected market value is likely to be between £20m to £25m.

An unnamed overseas investor who provided finance to start the business wants to realize his investment and he is expected to provide up to 10 per cent of the shares.

The rest will come from Low Howard-Spink, the world's largest advertising agency, which has a big stake and the directors. The public will probably be given the chance to buy about 30 per cent of the shares.

Audited profits figures for the last three months are still being worked on but the profits record will be difficult to interpret anyway. Low Howard-Spink was formed in 1981. Last September it merged with Campbell-Ewald, part of Marshall Campbell which is International's British arm.

The profit record is said to be "not bad and getting better", while there has been a steady increase in billings to £53m last year.

• Vain Pollen International, the advertising agency which joined the Unlisted Securities Market in January, has turned in first-half profits up by more than 130 per cent.

The directors say they are confident that the forecast full-year turnover of £14m and profits of £425,000 will be exceeded. Yesterday's interim figures show profits up from £18,000 to £280,000 on turnover doubled from £3.6m to £7.2m. New clients include Reuters, Canon Europa, BAT Industries and Royal Insurance.

Lonrho accused of 'cashless takeover'

By William Kay, City Editor

Professor Roland Smith, chairman of the House of Fraser department store group, hit out last night at a plan by Lonrho to win a majority of directors on the Fraser Board.

He said: "This is a takeover of House of Fraser without using money. They are trying the first cashless takeover in Britain. It is a shrewd Lonrho manoeuvre to gain control of House of Fraser."

Professor Smith was referring to a series of resolutions for the appointment of 12 additional directors at the House of Fraser annual meeting on June 30. They have been requisitioned by Lonrho, which holds 29.9 per cent of the shares in the retail group.

Half the candidates are Lonrho directors or executives. They are Mr Edward do Cann MP, Mr Robert Dunlop, Mr Terry Robinson, Mr Paul Spicer, Mr Robert Whiten and Mr Alan Ball.

The other six are Mr Ronald Aitken, a former senior partner of the accountants Binder Hamlyn; Mr George Cope of Standard Chartered Bank; Miss D'Avo Jennifer of the Ryman retail chain; Mr Alexander "Sandy" Giltnor, former senior partner of the stockbrokers Carr Sebag; Lord Roger Manners of Strauss Turnbull, the stockbroking firm; and Sir Hugh Fraser, whose father founded House of

Fraser. Sir Hugh was previously a major shareholder in House of Fraser in his own right, but most of his holding has been transferred to Lonrho.

Lonrho currently has two nominees on the Fraser board: Mr Tony Rowland and Lord Duncan-Sands. Mr Rowland is up for reelection.

Spicer explained yesterday that the purpose of the resolutions was to force through the plan to demerge Harrods from House of Fraser. Shareholders passed a motion to that effect last year, but the present Fraser board decided against it.

"The purpose is to ensure that the demerger issue is fairly put to shareholders, thus settling one way or the other the present differences", according to a Lonrho statement.

It stressed that the intention was "not to alter permanently" the composition of the board, or to consolidate Lonrho's position in the House of Fraser.

A reconstruction would follow "when the issue of demerger has been resolved", Lonrho said. But if Lonrho had a majority of the board by then, it would also be in a strong position to influence the board's policies.

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Group seeks support at Chloride

By Andrew Cornelius

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Earnings growing

The growth in earnings is showing no sign of slackening, according to official figures published yesterday, and it is still running comfortably above the increase in prices.

The Department of Employment said that average earnings increased at an underlying rate of 7.75 per cent in the year to March, the eighth successive month at this level. This compared with an inflation rate of 5.2 per cent in March, which was 5 per cent - the April inflation figures are announced on Friday.

The earnings index, seasonally adjusted, showed a 12-month rise of 5.4 per cent.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1104.5 up 9.9

(high: 1104.6; low: 1101.2)

FT Index: 879.4 up 0.14

FT Gilts: 79.7 up 0.18

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World's Dow Jones Average: 1,023.27 up 2.41

Tokyo Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 10,618.85 up 15.31

Hongkong Hang Seng Index: 949.32 up 25.25

Amsterdam 177.7 up 0.2

Sydney AO Index 730.3 up 0.83

Frankfurt Commerzbank Index: 1015.5 up 11.2

Brussels General Index 152.23 down 1.20

Pans: CAC Index 177.2 up 1.2

Zurich SKA General 312.7 up 0.33

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

De Vere rises amid bid talk

By Michael Clark

De Vere Hotels and Restaurants rose 7p to 320p yesterday — just 3p short of the high — amid speculation that the mysterious predator who has been in talks with the group will announce his terms today.

At the level De Vere, which owns Connaught Rooms and the Mirabelle Club in London, is valued at £44.5m. Last month Mr Leopold Müller, De Vere's chairman, aged 81 announced that there had been approaches but gave warning that all the bids received were way below the present share price.

Mr Müller controls over 51 per cent of the shares and is known to be a willing seller after an unsuccessful bid last year by Selfport, a private company controlled by Mr Gerald Holland, was prepared to bid 340p a share for Mr Müller's stake and then offer a similar amount to other De Vere shareholders. However, the deal went wrong after Mr Holland failed to raise the necessary cash. Following the recent share split the bid would be worth around 280p at today's levels. Last night Mr Müller and the rest of his board were not available for comment.

In 1983 De Vere's pre-tax profits rose from £1m to £1.83m on turnover £1.83m higher at £22.5m.

Bid talk was the main theme elsewhere in the market after Tuesday's news that Thorn EMI and British Aerospace were considering merging. Thorn lost another 18p to 56.4p on further reflection of the deal, while British Aerospace improved another 16p to 338p. Market watchers are taking the view that the deal could be bad for Thorn.

Elsewhere, the equity market showed signs of running out of steam after this week's technical rally. The FT Index, which had been unchanged for most of the day, closed 1.4 up at 879.4, while the FT-SE 10 rose 9.9 to 1104.5.

Leaders showed selective support after hours as Wall Street opened firmer with Bream 4p dearer at 325p, Blue Circle 8p at 423p, BOC Group 3p at 598p, Peninsula and Oriental 3p at 314p and Trusthouse Forte 4p at 123p and TI Group 4p at 254p. Hanson Trust was another firm market awaiting the outcome of the seminar in New York.

Little Pict Petroleum, the North Sea exploration group, spurted 7p to 163p yesterday on hopes that it has again struck it rich. The group's operator, Mansano, recently announced a new find on block 15/21 and close observers say that a new appraisal well in the same block has again come up trumps.

Dealers are also excited by the suggestions that Pict is about to exchange half of its interest in block 15/21 for a 15 per cent stake in block 99 in the English Channel.

between the company and US investors. The shares closed 7p dearer at 231p.

The increased fighting in the Middle East and the rising cost of crude oil on the Rotterdam spot market produced another flurry of activity in oil. BP led the way with a 15p rise to 51.5p, followed by Shell, 15p to 66.5p, Tricentra 4p to 220p, Ultramar 7p to 62.5p, Lassco 12p to 31.8p, British 17p to 25.5p, Carless Capel 7p to 240p, and Imperial Continental Gas 9p to 30.5p. Oily Burmah failed to make

headway, losing an early lead to close unchanged at 179p. Grevson Grant, the broker, reckons recent pretax profits proved misleading and is looking for another healthy increase in operating income in the present year.

Gilts were heartened by the continued rally on the US bond market and the improvement in the pound's fortunes against the dollar. The Government Broker also encouraged the buyers by reducing the price of his latest tap Treasury 9½ per cent Convertible 1989.

It is reckoned to have sold around £400m at the new price of 94½ partly paid. At the longer end of the market, prices rose by up to 2½, but in shorts earlier gains of 2½ had been reduced to 5½ by the close. The FT Government Securities Index rose 0.18 to 79.97.

Lyle Shipping fell 1p to 78p after news that its accounts had been heavily qualified. Arthur Young McClelland, the auditor, says in its report that negotiations with the group's bankers are in progress to secure facilities to enable further payments to be made for ships the group is having built in Japan. In the absence of these ships it is uncertain what the group can continue to trade as a going concern. A spokesman for Lyle said he was confident the funds would be made available.

Waring & Gillow jumped 39p to 148p after the directors announced that a certain company might be interested in making a bid. The statement was made because of the recent increases in the company's share prices over the past few days. Great Universal Stores, which owns 30 per cent of Waring, denied it was making

the bid. Mr Philip Harris, of Harris Queensway, is the market's favourite to make such a move, but he went out of his way to deny the rumours yesterday.

Francis Industries held steady at 126p after the Takeover Panel announced it had found no evidence to indicate any breach of the Takeover Code in certain dealings in Francis Industries following the bid from Mr David Abel's Suter. The inquiry was requested by Francis's financial adviser, Lazar Bros. Suter closed 6p lower at 116p.

Kennedy Brookes, the Marin & Franco and Wheelers res-

It looks as though the long-awaited recovery in the international trader Inchcape may be on the way. Full year figures this month are expected in signal a bottoming out in the group's fortunes with analysts looking for £50m in £55m pretax against £71m last time. Dealers reckon the shares could soon be due for a re-rating. Yesterday they rose 12p to 363p — just shy of the year's high.

taurant chain, has been buying more shares in Leisuretime International, which used to trade under the name of Old Swan Hotels (Harrogate). The group has bought a further 50,000 shares in Leisuretime and now owns a total of 672,000. The news failed to impress Leisuretime, unchanged at 64p, but Kennedy Brookes added 2p to 265p.

Equity turnover on May 15 was £237,963m (18,003 bargains). The number of British and Irish stocks traded was 145,111. Gilt bargains totalled 3,178. Interbank overnight money fell to about 6 per cent in the early stages, firmed to about 7 per cent at mid-session, and then shot up to 20-30 per cent in late trading, before finishing in the region of 20 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling which was more than a cent ahead against the dollar in early trading yesterday lost some of this advantage at the end.

The dollar which had followed the lower trend of Euro deposit rates met renewed profit-taking, but recovered during the mid-session when the latest higher US housing starts figures further emphasised the strength of the American economy. US bond rates which opened higher slipped back later and these two factors induced a moderate rally by the dollar.

The pound ended the session 70 points up at 1.3945 while its trade-weighted index after 80.2 at noon closed at 80.2. But it was still up against the previous night's 79.9.

In Deutsche mark terms the pound was below its best at 3.8230 (3.8140).

The yen worried about the air attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf, slipped back at 231.20 (231.20) against the dollar.

MONEY MARKETS

The fact that there were ready buyers for the tap once the Government Broker had lowered his price for the stock, encouraged money market operators to take a slightly more relaxed view of base-rate prospects in the short-term.

In the longer term, however, the market remains nervous.

The discount market may well now be happy to pay for money and run its bills, therefore bringing to an end the cheap-money phase that has existed since last week's base rate rises.

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That may not be enough to stem the tide of losses in the US CU is unlikely to benefit before next year from a hardening of rates by leaders in the American market, such as Sigma. This begs the question: what is CU planning to do with its cash?

CU, like the other British composites, is also concerned about the changing pattern of world weather, which has led to two years of unprecedented losses in the US and at home. An industry-wide initiative may be necessary to determine whether freezing conditions in Florida and hurricane force storms in Britain are merely a temporary phenomenon or part of a new weather pattern.

Longer term there is much more room for optimism. And CU's board is sticking to its promise to maintain the

TEMPUS

Market relief as CU trims American loss

dividend unless it encounters "exceptional and unforeseen circumstances". So far CU says it has not encountered such circumstances.

GILTS

Do not be surprised if Aldroy makes some staggered prices this morning, Stockmaster & Moore says, it all away over the phone. Both concerns were playing for doubles last night in the Stock Exchange, shorts made.

Yesterday's ministrations by the Government Broker provided a pleasant contrast to the activity. No one could work out for sure whether he had hit the bull, or missed the bond altogether, by closing them down.

NSS Newsagents, with more than 500 outlets, is of a similar size to Martin, and like Martin concentrates on traditional confectionery, tobacco and newspaper market. NSS is well aware that its name could be the next to be added to an unwholesome hunter's shopping list.

If open season is to be declared on NSS, however, the shots are unlikely to be fired by the likes of W. H. Smith. Its mover for Martin was surprising, not least because it withdrew rapidly from most of the CIN market, some time ago. Other potential bidders could be the cigarette companies keen to protect a market which has suffered at the hands of both the Chancellor and the health lobby. Previous forays by the tobacco giants in this direction have not been a great success.

The main problem for a chain like NSS is its concentration on CIN. While the market remains profitable, it shows little sign of growth. Prices for confectionery and newspapers have remained stable, and tobacco prices, ignoring the Budget, have in some cases fallen. Volumes however, have not improved, and NSS's pretax profits fell in the first six months mainly because of the late Easter.

The company has some new ideas in the pipeline away from the mainstream CIN, which it is hoped will contribute to growth. NSS is returning over 15 per cent on its capital employed, and if it could back this with genuine growth it could make some real progress. The share price was up 2p at 84p.

But the Bank of England's money market operations rather contradicted the Government Broker's stance.

By leaving some of the short-term in the market, overnight rates were driven up to 15 per cent, at one point.

American was also unimpressive. Tuesday's bond market rally never materialised.

Hence the uneasy finish to the market, with bonds and longs heading south.

COMMERCIAL UNION

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Base Lending Rates

Bank	Rate
BCCI	9.6%
Guinness Savings	9.6%
Generalized Credit	9.6%
Confidential Trust	9.6%
G. Heale & Co.	9.6%
Levitt Read	9.6%
Friedland	9.6%
Ind. United	9.6%
Deposit	9.6%
ABN Amro	9.6%
Barclays	9.6%
BSB	9.6%
Midland Bank	9.6%
Nat. Westminster	9.6%
HSB	9.6%
Williams & Glyn's	9.6%
Griffiths	9.6%

SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP

SUN ALLIANCE AND LONDON INSURANCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Sun Alliance and London Insurance plc was held yesterday at the Head Office of the Company in Birmingham Lane, London, E.C.2.

Lord Adington, the Chairman, presided and in addressing the Meeting stated:

"We do not publish quarterly figures but I shall follow my usual practice of giving an indication of how we have fared since reporting our Annual Results. I must again stress that the experience of one quarter alone does not provide a reliable guide to the full year's results."

As in 1982, there was a poor start to the year. At home, our results have been hit badly by the severe weather losses which, after the recovery of reinsurance, are estimated to amount to £225 million, compared with £11 million in 1983. Result from the U.S.A., where there was also exceptional weather and some other overseas territories show a deterioration and there was an increased total underwriting loss on our overseas operations. On the other hand, there are some signs of improvement in our non-life reinsurance business.

Despite further satisfactory growth, our investment income and life profits were not sufficient to cover the underwriting losses.

I set out the strengths of our business in my Annual Statement. This was an exceptionally strong year.

At the Extraordinary General Meeting which followed, proposals to introduce a Savings Related Share Option Scheme, to divide the shares of each into shares of 25p each and to increase the Company's borrowing powers were approved.

Dealing in the shares of 25p each will begin on Monday, 4th June 1984.

A Vote of Thanks to the Directors and Staff was proposed by Sir Philip Shattock.

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1. To receive the Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ended December 1983.

2. To re-elect a Director.

3. To re-appoint Arthur Young McClelland Moore & Co. as Auditors to the Company, and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

DATED 16th May 1984
By D. B. LEAZARD
Secretary

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NOTES:

1. Any member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his place. A proxy must be a member of the Company.

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Brock back in England's six under-21 team changes

Kevin Brock, one of the outstanding figures in Oxford's successes this season, has been given another chance to show off his talent at international level. He is one of six changes in the England team for tonight's European under-21 championship final first leg against Spain in Seville.

The teams

SPAIN (Probable): A. Zubizarreta (P), S. Gómez (Barcelona), M. Angulo (Espanyol), M. González, P. Rodríguez, F. Llorente, R. Martínez, E. Butragueño, M. Rodríguez
ENGLAND: P. Hucker (QPR), W. Statham (Sheffield Wednesday), D. Thomas (Tottenham), D. Watson (Norwich), G. Stevens (Tottenham), P. Bracewell (Everton), S. Hodge (Nottingham Forest), H. Gill (Birmingham), J. Evans (Oxford), M. Chamberlain (Stoke), K. Hesketh (Portsmouth).

Brock made an impressive debut in the first leg of the semi-final against Italy, but was not selected for the return. Club calls and injuries again have deprived England's team manager, Dave Sexton, of several first choice players, but he will have no fears about recalling Brock.

The Queen's Park Rangers goalkeeper Peter Hucker and the Birmingham forward Howard Gayle, who like Brock

won their first caps in the 3-1 defeat of Italy at Maine Road, also are brought back. Danny Thomas, of Tottenham, a member of the team which won the under-21 championship two years ago, is preferred to Sunderland's Nick Pickering at left back. Hucker wins his second cap as Bailey is involved with Manchester United.

In the absence of the injured Tommy Caton, Thomas's clubmate Gary Stevens will team up with Norwich's Dave Watson in the centre of the defence. The Spurs pair will be hoping they can help England into a winning position because they will not be available for the second leg at Bramall Lane next Thursday. They will be playing for their club in the UEFA Cup final return against Anderlecht the previous night.

Although Paul Walsh, of Luton, withdrew from the squad because transfer speculation had affected his form, there were no such problems for Paul Bracewell. He agreed to move from Sunderland to Everton on Tuesday night in a £250,000 deal but maintains his record of playing in every game since the present under-21 championship began in September 1982.

Bardsley proves his fitness for Wembley

David Bardsley successfully came through his run-out with Watford reserves at Vicarage Road yesterday to strengthen his claim to the right back position for Saturday's FA Cup final against Everton at Wembley. Bardsley, aged 19, played yesterday at left back while Gibbs, another contender for a Wembley place, was at right back until half-time when he was replaced by Rice, the former Arsenal captain.

Watford won the game 4-0 against Brighton to finish the season as runners-up in the Football Combination - their best performance in the competition.

Les Taylor will know within the next 24 hours whether he is to become Watford's captain against Everton. Taylor will be handed the honour if Bardsley plays. "Being captain at Wembley would be a

great honour and a very proud moment for me," he said.

Taylor took the appointment, if it comes, will prove third time lucky. "I've led Watford twice before and both times we've been defeated very heavily," he recalled.

Throughout his eight-year career at The Hawthorns, Statham has run into injury crisis after another and has never completed a full season.

John Gregory, the versatile Queen's Park Rangers player, is having intensive treatment in aid to get fit for England's five international fixtures in the next month.

Gregory has a groin strain received in the last match of the season, a 3-1 defeat at Everton.

The "Ariean" forward, Tony Woodcock, who has a hamstring strain in his right training, has struggled to make the match with Scotland at Hampden Park on May 26. Alvin Martin, the West Ham Centre-half, who missed his club's last four matches after hurting his ankle in England's 1-0 defeat by Wales is still under treatment, but is also in light training.

Cardiff City will not be allowed to stage a World Cup qualifying game in Ninian Park next November unless they ban Rugby League from the ground for the previous three weeks. The Welsh FA have made this a condition for the match with Iceland on November 14.

The Welsh League second division club, who have spent their centenary season playing at East Molesey, will move to the Wimbleton Park Athletics stadium on November 14.

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The Victoria line

By Paul Newman

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EQUESTRIAN

Billington the master of a slippery course

A Special Correspondent

The slippery going caused some problems in the Radio Rentals Stakes, Shropshire AIT on the first day of the two-day Shropshire and West Midlands Show yesterday. Geoff Glazier, on Penwood Saddlery's Pennwood Pendle, first to jump in the nine-horse barrier, set the target with a faultless round in 58.2 seconds, but had to wait until the sixth competition.

This was the Geoff Billington, riding his own Mrs Cartwright's Elite, and their clear, in 58.3 seconds, was the winning round, relegating Penwood Saddlery into second place. Third, with four faults in first time, was D. W. F. Gascoine's Upstart, ridden by Michael Scott.

RADIO RENTAL STAKES, Shropshire AIT, Lord Lee (S) Billington 2; Penwood Pendle (G) Glazier 3; S. Smith (M) Gascoine 4; C. H. H. Williams (D) Williams 5; W. H. Hunter (R) Hunter 6; South Eastern Insurance Brokers Limited 7; Esso, Reserve champion Shropshire Transport's Super Derby 8; C. H. H. Williams 9; C. H. H. Williams 10; D. W. F. Gascoine 11; Mrs J. Rose's Mandrake Reserve R. N. Oliver's The Candyman.

CHESTERSHIRE STAKES, Shropshire AIT, Mrs A. V. Morris' St. Peter's Bridge, Reserve Shropshire Transport's Esso.

CHAMPION ARAB: Mrs W. Thringham's All All Star, Reserve Mr and Mrs Hinchings' Zircon 2; Mrs J. Rose's Mandrake Reserve R. N. Oliver's The Candyman.

CHAMPION HUNTER MARE, IN HAND: Mrs J. V. Ardon's Crown Aquarius, Reserve champion: Mrs S. A. Morris and J. Hartman's The Candyman.

CHAMPION HUNTER YEARLING: Miss A. V. Morris' Fire Mountain, Reserve Mrs H. Jeffery For Greenhill.

CHAMPION HUNTER TWO YEAR: QLIC Creative TV Workshop's Zoro Reserve: Mrs M. Graham's Northern Lights.

CHAMPION JUVENILE HORSE OF THE YEAR: D. J. Ross' Mrs J. Rose's Mandrake Reserve R. N. Oliver's The Candyman.

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PRIVATE RIDING CHAMPION: Swaine of Shropshire Ltd's Esso-Metrol Petreys, Reserve Mrs P. H. Glazier's Pennwood Pendle.

YACHTING

Cup date criticized

Perth (AFP). - A leading Western Australian yachtsman has strongly criticized a proposal to sail the America's Cup series over the summer months. "It's madness to restructure the elimination races in December and January and the like in the first weeks or so of February," Brian Leary said here yesterday.

Leary, who was involved with the millionaire businessman Alan Bond's 1974 Newport challenge for the cup, said that the Royal Perth Yacht Club's America's Cup committee was showing no con-



Recalled: Brock (left) and Hucker return to face Spaniards in Seville.

Sexton has not yet decided who will take over from Caton as team captain.

Forwards Mark Chamberlain (Stoke), who already has two full caps, and the uncapped Mark Hatley (Portsmouth) have the chance to impress the

England manager, Bobby Robson, who has them both pencilled in for the three-match tour of South America.

Spain's youngsters, who comfortably ousted Yugoslavia in the semi-final, will be attempting to win their first

European under-21 final and their manager, Luis Suarez, is fielding Real Madrid's prodigy Emilio Butragueno, aged 20, whose shy and retiring manner off the field belies his deft ball skills and deadly goal-scoring ability.

Colin Appleton, who resigned as manager of Hull City on Tuesday night after they had failed by one goal to gain promotion to the second division, following his success the previous season in taking the Humberside club out of the fourth.

However, Appleton said yesterday: "Going up is not my idea of fun. I'd prefer to stay in the fourth division."

Appleton, aged 46, had talks with Doug Sharpe, the Swans chairman, over the weekend and took up his new post yesterday morning. He has signed a two-year contract.

Best remembered as a wing half for Leicester City, and a former manager of non-league Scunthorpe, Appleton initially joined Swans after John Toshack resigned shortly before Christmas.

He decided to stay at Hull to try and win promotion to the second division, following his success the previous season in taking the Humberside club out of the fourth.

Appleton, who joined Hull two years ago when they were in deep financial trouble, has worked at Boothferry Park this season knowing there would be no money to spend on players, he was promised a higher grade of League football next season.

Appleton will watch his new players in action for the first time in a practice game today, before the club's retuned list is announced.

Hull's failure on Tuesday to score the three-goal victory they needed to clinch promotion means that both Sheffield clubs will be playing a higher grade of League football next season.

Sheffield United supporters were put through an agonizing last 25 minutes at Turt Moor after Brian Marwood had given Gills a 2-0 lead. But despite identical goalscoring records, the team had to wait until the final whistle to be promoted.

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At the other end of the third division, there was more on Tuesday night when Scunthorpe United's tall order for a win by seven goals remained anchored in the realms of fantasy - they went down by three goals at Rotherham United.

On the same night Wrexham gained the point they needed to keep alive their hopes of finishing out of the bottom four of the fourth division with a 1-1 draw at Crew Alexandra.

Millwall have given their captain Dean White, David Stride and Carl Cowley free transfers.

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Also leaving are two non-contract players, John Phillips, the former Chelsea goalkeeper, and Les Strong, previously with Fulham.

Chelsea, the second division champions, will retain all 28 professionals and four apprentices next season. Clive Walker and John Burstead are the only senior players yet to sign new contracts.

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Emerson O'Keefe, the Republic of Ireland forward, wants to leave Port Vale following their relegation to the fourth division. The former Everton player, who joined Port Vale last year from Wigton for £10,000, still has more than 12 months to go on a two-year

contract.

Tom English is out being retained by Leicester City. The 22-year-old forward arrived from Coventry City in 1982 in exchange for Jim McLean.

Cardiff City's decision to release Trevor Lee and Martin Goldsmith on free transfers means the Welsh club are left without a single forward on their books.

Daly: staying at Coventry

RACING: CECIL UNDECIDED WHETHER DANTE STAKES WINNER WILL TAKE CHANCE AT EPSOM

Claude Monet picture still cloudy

By Michael Seely

Daniel Wildenstein summed up the Derby situation in a nutshell after watching his colt, Claude Monet, beat the fast-finishing Hatim in a blanket finish to the Mecca-Dante stakes at York yesterday. "The horse has earned the right to run at Epsom," the Parisian art millionaire said. "But we've got to face it. El Gran Señor is a very good horse and will be hard to beat. I do feel, however, that Claude Monet would be a 10lb better horse in soft going."

Only about two lengths covered the first six horse home and the form is not comparable with that shown by El Gran Señor in his brilliant 2,000 Guineas victory, nor yet with that demonstrated by Aphaelton in his determined victories at Sandown Park and Lingfield Park. However, Claude Monet is undoubtedly a high-class colt with fine powers of acceleration and was a worthy winner.

Henry Cecil was delighted with his fifth Dante Stakes winner. "Claude Monet quickened up well but then appeared to slow up. He is still very fast inside and sometimes gallops when he pulls up on the gallop. But I'm sure there's nothing wrong with his wind."

"This often happens when a horse is not fully fit. It's therefore too early to decide about the Derby. I want to see how the colt is after he's done some more work." This seemed an eminently sensible summing-up of the situation.

Neither Jeremy Tree nor Dick Hern was prepared to commit himself about future plans for Hanot or Head For Heights, who finished a close third. Ian Balding, however,



Claude Monet holds the challenge of Hatim in yesterday's Dante Stakes at York

said that the sixth horse, Elegant Air, was a definite Derby runner. "I was delighted with that and he'll go to Epsom. Unfortunately Gold And Ivory has not yet come to hand and will have to miss the race."

Hatim definitely looks a colt of some potential and would have given Claude Monet an even harder fight but for changing badly to the left when Pat Eddery first started to ride Prince Khaled Abdullah's ride. Native Native colt with his whip in his right hand two furlongs from home. Tree yields to no one in his admiration of Eddery's talents, but felt in-

clined to criticize the reigning champion Irish jockey on this occasion.

"I found it hard to understand that. This is the only problem that we have had with the horse and Eddery knows him well." Tree said. "If he had started with his whip in his left hand, Hatim would have been running sooner. I'll have to talk to Prince Abdullah first, but I must have thought that the colt is a bit immature for Epsom at this stage."

Kirman finished fourth. Raumi fifth and Prince Raposa last. Beldale Lead broke a blood vessel and was pulled up early

in the straight. The unlucky horse of the race was Telios, who finished eleventh. Tyrnau's half brother became the meat in the sandwich in some scrumming involving Comanche Run, Hatim and Petrizzi three furlongs from home and was knocked right out of his stride. Telios's running can therefore be ignored.

Course specialists

YORK
TRAINERS: J Dunlop 22 wins from 51 runners; H Gold 27 from 51; K. 29.7%; M. May 51. Fem. 24.7%; P. 23.4%; S. 22.0%; T. 21.4%; W. 22.5%; good, Apr 53.

JOCKEYS: L. Piggott 65 wins from 272 races; 22.9%; W. Carson 52 from 236 22.0%; S. Cauman 33 from 221, 14.9%.

REALLY MONET (6-1) to Miss Cain-Claud (5-3), bin 1/4, Newbury, Th, 28.445, good, Apr 13. FOOT PATROL (6-1) to Bastille (Sandown, 1m, 28.445, good to firm, Apr 26); DON MARTINO (6-1) to Hay Streak (6-12), bin 1/4 (Three, Th, 28.445, firm, Apr 27); Previously, DON MARTINO bin Canf (6-0), winner since, 31 (Newmarket, Th, 22.91, good to firm, Apr 28); KARIZMA (6-1) to firmly good to firm, 21 (Newmarket, Th, 22.91, good to firm, Apr 29); BARE ESSENCE (6-0) to Long Pond (6-1) in group 10 over Epsom (BM, 24.312, firm, Apr 29); PERSON (6-1) to 3rd Sarah (6-0), bin 1/4 (Newmarket, Th, 28.558, firm, May 5).

RECOMMENDED: S. Apalit (6-1) to Newcastle, Th, 22.55, good, Apr 23.

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General Appointments

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
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Salary in the range from £16,017 - £21,937 per annum, including London Allowance, on the clinical senior lecturer/reader scale, plus car allowance. Initial placement on the scale will depend on age and experience.

Further details and application form available from the personnel officer, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, Aldwych, London, WC2B Tel: 404 4789.

Closing date for applications 8th June 1984.

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Applicants must be graduates or have comparable qualifications. Legal qualifications are an asset but are not essential. Commercial experience is highly desirable. The candidate must have proven administrative ability and the capacity to communicate and work effectively with a wide range of people. His/her duties will call for a high level of tact, diplomacy and discretion.

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HORIZONS**Close kinship is needed**

Godfrey Golzen looks at the obstacles facing immigrants to Australia

Australians seem to be living up to its reputation as the lucky country. The four-year drought has affected what were so dramatically highlighted in the bush fires of a year ago, broke late in 1983 and has been followed by ideal conditions for the still important agricultural sector.

Mining is the country's other big source of revenue, has benefited from the upturn in world trade, so according to a recent OECD survey, Australia is set for a high growth rate for at least the remainder of this year.

From the point of view of job prospects, what could this rosy picture be? Mining and agriculture only employ about 9 per cent of the workforce. Indeed much of Australia's prosperity has been maintained by paying high wages to the other 91 per cent, most of whom live in the five main cities. The weekly average wage is now more than £200 and this makes Australian manufacturing highly vulnerable to competition from its Asian neighbours.

Unemployment has been held to a level of 10 per cent and the government is determined to stop it rising. For this reason immigration conditions are the toughest they have ever been. Only about 90,000 people are being accepted for permanent entry this year, although the largest single group will still be British. This is not because of any policy of positive discrimination towards this country. It merely reflects the fact that people of British origin are still very much in the majority and that close kinship ties with someone living in Australia is one of the preconditions you have to fulfil even to be considered.

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histories may offer insights into decision-making by individuals or groups whom you regard as interesting models.

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1984, May 2, 1984.

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BBC 1

6.00 *Ceefax* All.
 6.30 *Breakfast Time* with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Dix at 6.30; 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television preview at 6.55; review of the morning papers at 7.18 and 8.15; horoscopes at 7.23; medical matters and cookery tips between 8.30 and 8.40.
 9.00 *The French Way*. A happy holiday down the Dordogne (r). 9.30 *Ceefax*. 10.30 *Play School*, presented by Brian Jameson (r). 10.55 *Cricket*. Live coverage of a 55-over Benson and Hedges Cup match, introduced by Peter West. The commentators are Richard Benson and Jim Laker with summaries by Tom Graveney and Paul Mervin. (Continued on BBC 2.)
 12.30 *News After Nine* with Richard Whiteman and Frances Cowardice. The weather details come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 *Regional news* (London and SE only). Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles.
 1.00 *Pebble Mill at One*. The guests include Diana Quick, Barry Norman and Peter Sarsbrook. 1.40 *Fingerballs* (r). 1.55 *Cricket*. Further coverage of a 55 overs Benson and Hedges Cup match 3.53. Regional news (not London).
 3.55 *Play School*, presented by Liz Watts. 4.20 *Humper, Cartoon adventures of a canine*, presented by Adrienne Haye. 4.40 *Huckleberry Finn and His Friends*. Part seven of the 26-episode series based on the stories of Mark Twain (r). 5.05 John Craven's *Newsworld*. 5.10 *Bliss Peter*. The guest today is American, Don Messick, the man who is the voice of a host of cartoon characters including Scooby and Scrappy Doo.
 5.40 *Sixty Minutes* begins with news from Moira Stuart, then weather at 5.55; and ending with news headlines at 6.28.
 6.40 *Pot the Question*. Sport and general knowledge quiz between two teams of celebrities captained by Denis Law and Patrick Mower.
 7.10 *Tomorrow's World* includes an assessment of the opportunities presented by the current advances in embryo research.
 7.35 *Top of the Pops*.
 8.05 *Broadgate*. While working on the prison farm Fletcher devises a game of chance for his fellow inmates - much to the annoyance of Mr Mackay, starring Ronnie Barker (r).
 8.35 *We Got It Made*. American comedy series.
 9.00 *News with John Humphrys*.
 9.25 *Murder Not Proven?* The first of a three-part series that reconstructs famous Scottish murder cases. *Tongland*, *Open Season*, *Open Season*, dealing with the life of a young man who's found dead with gunshot wounds during a shooting expedition on a Scottish estate in August 1893. Starring Adam Richardson and John Vine (see *Choice*). (*Ceefax* titles page 170).

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/725m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; VHF 90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m; VHF 92.55; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/208m; VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

TV-am

6.25 *Good Morning Britain*, presented by Anna Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; guest of the day, Lisa Eichhorn, at 7.45; *National Poetry Care at 7.45*; *Simon Williams' Star Turn* at 8.15; *Paul Gambaccini's film review* at 8.25; *wedding food and honeymoon advice at 8.40 and 9.00*; *Most Beautiful Baby in the World* competition at 9.05.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Themes news headlines: 9.30 *For Schools*: A visit to a tram museum; 9.42 *Things that thrive on city streets and derelict sites*; 9.59 *Money*; 10.15 *Quesstioning the traditional roles of the sexes*; 10.28 *A couple one married, the other living together discuss love and marriage*; 10.50 *Wester-super-Mare out of season*; 11.08 *Learning to read with Basil Brush*; 11.22 *Preserving the countryside*; 11.40 *Portugal - yesterday and today*.
 11.55 *Watoo-Watoo*. Cartoon series. 12.00 *Benny helps Bella with her paper round*. 12.10 *Get Up and Get with Bertie Reid (r)*. 12.30 *The Sullivan*.
 1.00 *News*. 1.20 *Thames news*. 1.40 *Plus*. Jean and James Macdonald talk to Mavis Nicoll about their book, *I Meant to Marry Him*, which is published today.
 2.00 *Take the High Road*. Drama serial set in the Scottish Highland estate of Glendarroch. 2.30 *Strangers*. A prisoner wants to settle an old score with Det-Chief-Superintendent Lambie (r). 3.30 *Sons and Daughters*.
 4.00 *Benny*. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 *Cartoon Time* with Wile E Coyote and Roadrunner (r). 4.20 *Ragged Ann* starring Pat Coombes (r). 4.30 *First Post*. A chance for young people to air their views about children's television on ITV. 4.45 *What's Happening*. Topical general knowledge quiz.
 5.15 *The Young Doctors*.
 5.45 *News*. 6.00 *Thames news*.
 6.30 *Thames Sport* with the chairman, manager, players and supporters of Cup finalists, Watford.
 7.00 *Whose Baby?* Panel game in which children of well-known parents are quizzed as to the identity of their mother or father. This week's panel is Susan George, Denby Luu and Kenneth Williams.
 7.30 *The Streets of San Francisco*. Police officers Stone and Kella are on the trail of a trio of escaped prisoners responsible for a series of killings and rapes. Starring Karl Malden (r).
 8.00 *Airline*. Episode two of the story about a man's determination to build an airline. It is 1946 and all Jack Ruskin has is his £70 gratuity from the RAF and a demob suit. Starring Ray Marsden.
 9.30 *TV Eye* investigates the future surrounding Zola Budd.
 10.00 *News*.
 10.30 *Hill Street Blues*. Another selection of frantic goings-on in the maelstrom that doubles as a police precinct house. With Daniel J. Travanti as the perpetually perplexed Furillo.
 11.30 *My Brother's Keeper*. A profile of the Kaleidoscope Club for young people in Kingston-on-Thames.
 12.00 *Newhart*. American comedy series starring Bob Newhart.
 12.25 *Night Thoughts*.

James Fox in *Runners*, the Film on Four (Channel 4, 9.30).

BBC 2

6.05 *Open University*: *Pura Metha: Metric Algebra*; 6.30 *A Content Education*; 6.55 *Pine Point* A Lead Zinc Deposit; 7.20 *Pictures in Politics*; 7.45 *Engineering: Constructing a Model*. Ends at 8.10.
 9.00 *Ceefax*.
 9.15 *Daytime on Two*: The way of life and language of French teenagers. 9.33 Part two of a five-part serial in French; 9.52 Part two of the serial for the young. *Capricorn Game*; 10.12 *Seeds and Plants*; 10.34 *Photos and why people develop them*. Ends at 10.54. 11.00 *Italian History*: A study of the kingfisher; 11.55 *Italian conversation*. 12.10 *Cesfar*.
 12.30 *Cricket*. Coverage of one of the 55-over Benson and Hedges Cup matches, introduced by Peter West.
 1.20 *Ceefax*.
 2.00 *Bedtime on Two* continued: You and Me. 2.15 A song about the Karaga tribe and their methods of hunting. 2.40 The dozing of an oil tanker by computer.
 3.00 *Ceefax*.
 3.50 *Cricket*. Coverage of the remaining over of a 55-over Benson and Hedges Cup match.
 7.25 *News* summary with subtitles.
 7.30 *Fred Perry*. The legendary British tennis player talks to Desmond Lyman about his life and career (r).
 8.00 *Just Another Day*. The first of a series of six documentaries about places that are an established part of the British way of life. Tonight John Pitman visits Battersea Dogs Home (r).
 8.30 *Nature* presented by Tony Soper. Turtles are the main item on the menu with reports from Panama about the night of the highly-prized Hawksbill turtle, a species that is facing extinction. The last wholesale slaughter for illegal export to Japan and from Heron Island, Australia, where conservationists are concerned about the sea turtle whose progeny's sex is determined by the weather conditions during incubation.
 9.00 *Film: *Not Moves** (1975) starring Glynis Johns as a disillusioned detective on the trail of the promiscuous daughter of a former Hollywood starlet. With marriage troubles of his own he finds himself being drawn into his client's complicated family relationships. Directed by Arthur Penn.
 10.35 *Newswatch*. The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the main stories of the day.
 11.20 *Cricket*. Highlights from one of today's 55 overs Benson and Hedges Cup matches. Introduced by Peter West.
 11.55 *Open University*: Computer-based Information Systems. 12.20 *Social Psychology*: Identity. Ends at 12.50.

● Scotland, not normally reticent about those elements in its national life that make it unique, has been singularly slow to make capital out of an eccentricity in its legal system: the Not-Proven verdict. In effect, the court says "I'm not sure". We believe it didn't - but we can't prove it". And so the killer goes free. David Lean's 1948 film *Madeleine*, about the Glasgow girl charged with killing her lover's cocoa with poison, is as far as I know the only time a Not-Proven verdict has been the motivation for a film. Tonight (BBC 2, 9.25) sees the unveiling of *MURDER NOT*. PROVER, a three-part drama series (from BBC Scotland, where else?) about three murder cases in which the Not-Proven verdict was either returned or, it is now believed, ought

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to have been returned. A conflict over forensic evidence lies at the heart of all three cases: in tonight's story, the experts are divided over whether a fatal gunshot wound might have been caused by an accident or whether there was a killer's finger on the trigger. It may not make for sizzling drama (the verdict on the series as a whole must, at this stage, be one of *Not Proven*), but there are some nice touches of macabre humour. "Stay, Mr Littlejohn, stay - you've forgotten your head," says counsel for the defence to the doctor who, quitting the witness box, has left a skull behind. To which the doctor, clearly a wag, replies: "I cannot afford to lose my head."

● *RUNNERS* (Channel 4, 9.30pm), Charles Sturridge's film about a father's frantic search for his missing teenage daughter and, running concurrently with it, but given less emphasis, a mother's search for her missing son, is a minute observed examination of a nightmare, consciously experienced. The search is bad enough (and neither Mr Sturridge, nor James Fox, who plays the father, spares us any of the anguish). What becomes truly sickening is the father's attempt to get his girl to return home with him once he has found her. She, *Runners* is an important film. (And see today's *headline*, a highly topical one, too, it is, alas, too long for its own good, and for our comfort.)

Peter Davalle
 Bourges (obit) and Barry Guy (obit); *Death in California* from Central No 22; *Mozart's Concerto Per Questa bella mano*; *Strauss's Oboe Concerto*; *Barry Guy's Voyages of the Moon*; and *Bach's Cantata No 82*; Ich habe genug. 10.30 News. 1.05 *Stradella* (r); 2.00 *Count Frank (piano) plays Beethoven's Sonata in D, Op 28 (Pastoral)*; Bach's (arr Bush) Adagio from *Organ Toccata in C major*, BWV 564; Debussy preludes; and *Ginastera's Three danzas Argentinas*.
 2.00 *Years of Growth*, featuring Perle (piano), in French; of Rossini's two-act opera *Comte Orville* (recorded in 1955). The cast includes Monica Sinclair, Juan Oncina, Ian Wood, and Michael Schmid. Four Conductors of the World Youth Orchestra of the World Hertfordshire County Youth Orchestra, with James Watson (trumpet), Hobbs's overture *Witt* (which was first broadcast); Malcolm Arnold's *Trumpet Concerto*; *Bridge's suite Sea, the Sea*. 14.55 News.

work *Vortex*, and works by Simon Watson, John Harrison, 11.15 News. Until 11.18.
Radio 1
 News on the hour. Major bulletins: 7.30am, 8.45am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. 7.30am, 8.30am, 4.00pm; Bill Bennett's 5.30 Radio 2. 7.30-7.30 Jimmy Young, 1.20 Steve Jones 1 incl. 1.05, 2.20 Sports Desk, 2.05 Judith Chalmers incl. 3.02 Sports, 3.15 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 3.30 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 3.30 *Music All the Way* incl. 3.40 Racing from York; The Norwest Holst Trophy Handicap, 4.02 Sports Desk, 4.05 David Hamilton incl. 4.15 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 4.30 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 4.45 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 5.00 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 5.15 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 5.30 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 5.45 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 6.00 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 6.15 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 6.30 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 6.45 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 6.55 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 7.00 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 7.15 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 7.30 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 7.45 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 7.55 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 7.55 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 8.00 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 8.15 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 8.30 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 8.45 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 8.55 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 8.55 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 9.00 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 9.15 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 9.30 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 9.45 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 10.00 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 10.15 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 10.30 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 10.45 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 10.55 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 11.00 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 11.15 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 11.30 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 11.45 *John Motson's Saturday Football*, 11.55 *John Motson's Saturday Cricket*, 12.00 *John Motson's Saturday Tennis*, 12.15 *Howard Keest*: he is on Radio 2 at 10.30pm

Radio 1

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Ministry scales down submarine base expansion

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence unveiled yesterday its £350m plans to expand its submarine maintenance base at Faslane on the west bank of Gareloch, and a weapons maintenance and storage facility across the loch at Coulport, about 2.5 miles to the west.

In 1981, plans were put forward which would have expanded the Coulport depot from about 300 acres to nearly 3,000 acres, at a cost estimated at £500m.

Under the new proposals, Coulport will extend to just under 900 acres.

The Faslane base covers 225 acres, within which are 60 acres previously used for commercial shipbreaking and which are planned to be developed with new submarine facilities.

The changes from the 1981 proposals have arisen because of a decision taken in 1982 that the Trident missiles will be stored and maintained in the United States at Kings Bay, Georgia, rather than at Coulport.

The system of operation of the Trident missiles will be that the vessels will take on board their missiles, minus warheads, in the United States and then return to Coulport to be mated with their British-built nuclear warheads.

At the end of their commissions, after several years, the procedure will be reversed, with the warheads being stored at Coulport. The missiles will be taken to the United States and the submarines will return to Britain for refit.

However, the ministry say that during their commissions the Trident submarines may periodically return to Coulport for operational reasons and for unscheduled repairs. For this reason storage facilities for missiles will be provided there.

The major new construction at Faslane will be a large covered shiplift, capable of raising a submarine out of the water for maintenance. That will be 40 metres high, 185 metres long and 50 metres wide. There will also be a jetty with two berths, and three additional berths for surface ships and conventionally-powered submarines, and other buildings.

There will be a helipad at Faslane and Coulport.

Ten people were arrested for breach of the peace and obstruction in Dumbarton before the meeting with councillors and officials began to explain the proposals (Ronald Faux writes).

village of Garelochhead, will be funded by the ministry and then be handed over as a public highway to Strathclyde region.

The expansion is needed not only to accommodate Trident submarines, which will be considerably larger than Polaris vessels, and storage of their weapons, but also to support additional nuclear-powered Fleet and diesel-powered patrol submarines which will come into service in the next decade.

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